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Susan Fiorello's design emphasizes the need for 2 million VFW members by the end of the current membership year. The VFW's 85-year history has been one of continuous growth. Commander-in-Chief Clifford G. Olson, Jr., appeals for the 2 million in an article on page 24 and Sr. Vice Commander-in-Chief Bill Ray Cameron emphasizes the need for 2 million on page 26.

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### Indy Comment

Laxity, complacency and neglect of duty caused the deaths of 883 sailors aboard the USS Indianapolis ("Last to Die," March). The attitude of "it's only a matter of time before the war is over" pervaded the thinking of our naval and military personnel. Writer Winston Jordan cites... a bizarre set of circumstances." I prefer to call them "goofs" that caused the horrible loss of life. There were six—no escorts assigned on the "Indy's" last run from San Francisco to Leyte via Tinian and Guam; no zig-zag course taken; no distress signal sent before the sinking; the Cavite Naval Communications Center stopped reporting ship arrivals and failed to check out the Japanese I-58 sub's claim of sinking a large American warship, and the flight of B-29s' failure to report location of flares on the night of July 30. The "whitewash" of Capt. Charles B. McVay III at his court-martial on Feb. 23, 1946, did the same for his superiors. The last mission of the "Indy" was a high risk gamble lost because of laxity, complacency and neglect of duty by those directly and indirectly involved. Justice was denied the 883 sailors who died in vain.—*Bill Buffington, 403 Beechwood Road, West Chester, Pa., 19380.*

### Korean War Memorial

Do the veterans of the Korean War deserve a memorial? The answer is an unequivocal yes. S.J. Res. 97, a resolution that would provide a memorial to honor and commemorate the members of our armed forces who served in the Korean War, was introduced on May 6, 1983, and referred to the Senate Rules and Administration Committee. However, no action is scheduled for the immediate future. You can help make this memorial a reality by writing your Senators urging them to support this legislation. Also contact the National Committee for the Korean War Memorial, 1712 Eye Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20006.—*James F. Waters, 4021 West Avenue 43, Los Angeles, Calif. 90041.*



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### LEGISLATIVE

**Agent Orange/Radiation Showdown in the Senate:** When you read this, the battle will have been joined. Sen. Alan Cranston, Arlen Specter, George J. Mitchell and Joseph R. Biden will have fought for passage of S. 1651, the Veterans' Dioxin and Radiation Exposure Compensation Standards Act, supported by the VFW, American Legion, DAV and VVA with a total membership of approximately 5.4 million. Sen. Alan Simpson, joined by Sen. Charles Mathias, Strom Thurmond, Howard Baker, John Tower and Robert Dole, will have countered with a non-binding sense of the Senate resolution stating how the Veterans Administration should handle the herbicide/radiation exposure issue. Sen. Simpson's S. Res. 372 has the blessing of the Administration and is supported by the AMVETS and Paralyzed Veterans of America. The House of Representatives passed H.R. 1961, the Veterans' Agent Orange and Atomic Veterans' Relief Act, on Jan. 30, 1984.

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**Recent Testimonies:** Before the Senate Veterans' Affairs Committee, VFW testified and offered suggestions on pending legislation that would grant the VA broader authority to work more closely with community resources in order to provide better care for veterans, as well as improving efforts to assist veterans suffering from Post Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD). The legislation also would change the beginning date of the Vietnam Conflict from Aug. 4, 1964 to July 8, 1959. Finally, it would exclude stipends received for participation in VA work therapy programs as income for non-service-connected pension purposes and would authorize severely disabled veterans to own more than one specially adapted automobile.

The VFW testified before the appropriate subcommittee of the House Veterans' Affairs Committee in support of a cost-of-living increase in compensation and dependency and indemnity compensation to be effective Dec. 1, 1984, instead of April 1, 1985, an increase in the one time automobile grant for severely disabled veterans from \$4,400 to \$5,000 and an increase in Servicemens' Group Life Insurance (SGLI) from \$35,000 to \$50,000. Comment was made also on a proposal to make disability pension contingent upon mandatory participation in vocational training for veterans under 50 applying for non-service-connected pensions after Sept. 30, 1984.

Other VFW testimony was before appropriate Senate and House committees and subcommittees dealing with the 1985 fiscal year VA appropriation and expressed support for money for a new visitors' center at Arlington National Cemetery.

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**Retiree COLA Delay Official:** The "Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act of 1983," which became Public Law 98-270 when President Reagan signed it April 18, has as one of its deficit reduction provisions deferral until January, 1985, of COLA for federal civilian and Armed Forces retirees. Savings from this deferral are expected to be \$2.65 billion. The President said this "is a vital part" of efforts to reduce the deficit and "to ensure timely, proper benefit payments to federal retirees." VFW Commander-in-Chief Clifford G. Olson had written to all members of Congress opposing singling out of federal retirees who have already given more than their fair share under previous reconciliation acts.

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**Veterans' Preference Month:** In recognition of the 40th anniversary of the Veterans' Preference Act of 1944, the Rep. G.V. (Sonny) Montgomery, who chairs the House Veterans' Affairs Committee, introduced for himself and Reps. John Paul Hammerschmidt, J. Marvin Leath and Gerald B. Solomon, H.J. Res. 497 designating June, 1984, as Veterans' Preference Month. Commander-in-Chief Clifford G. Olson wrote to all members of the House of Representatives urging them to become cosponsors of this resolution.

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**POW/MIA Recognition Day:** When President Reagan signed S.J. Res. 171 to designate July 20, 1984, as National POW/MIA Recognition Day, it became Public Law 98-262. Resolution's text:

"Whereas the United States has fought in many wars;"

"Whereas thousands of Americans who served in such wars were captured by the enemy or are missing in action;"

"Whereas many American prisoners of war were subjected to brutal and inhuman treatment by their enemy captors in violation of international codes and customs for the treatment of prisoners of war and many such prisoners of war died from such treatment;"

"Whereas many Americans missing in action remain unaccounted for and the uncertainty surrounding their fate has caused their families to suffer acute hardship; and"

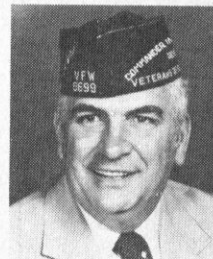
"Whereas the sacrifices of American prisoners of war and Americans missing in action and their families are deserving of national recognition: Now, therefore, be it"

"Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, that the 20th day of July, 1984, shall be designated as National POW/MIA Recognition Day and the President of the United States is authorized and requested to issue a proclamation calling upon the people of the United States to commemorate such day with appropriate activities."

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# Impact of the GI Bill



**By Clifford G. Olson, Jr.  
VFW Commander-in-Chief**

Sixteen days after the D-Day invasion of Normandy President Franklin D. Roosevelt signed the GI Bill of Rights on June 22, 1944.

Known as the Servicemen's Readjustment Act of 1944, Public Law 346, passed unanimously by the 78th Congress, gave "notice to the men and women of our armed forces that the American people did not intend to let them down."

Once the first version of the GI Bill was approved, the United States had the best veterans' program in the history of the world. No nation even closely approached our generosity. This revolutionary veterans' benefit bill affects the academic, economic, governmental, social and cultural environment of this country.

War veterans living today account for 59% of all Americans who ever served in war during this country's history. Eighty-two of every 100 of America's 28.2 million veterans are war veterans who served during defined periods of armed hostilities. Altogether 84.6 million persons, dependents and survivors of deceased veterans, are potentially eligible for veterans' benefits and services. This is a number roughly equal to the combined populations of the five largest states, California, New York, Texas, Pennsylvania and Illinois.

No veteran program has contributed more to the lifelong welfare of America's veterans and their families and this country as a whole than the veterans' education and training programs. From 1944 when the first GI Bill became law to December, 1983, a total of 18.2 million beneficiaries have received GI Bill education and training. This includes some 7.8 million

World War II veterans, 2.4 million Korean Conflict veterans and 8 million post-Korean and Vietnam Era veterans and active duty service personnel.

The cost of these benefits has totaled \$56 billion or \$20 billion more than the United States spent to fight World War I. Proportionately, Vietnam Era veterans have been the largest participants in GI Bill training. More than 70% of those eligible have taken training compared with the 50.5% of World War II veterans and 43.4% of Korean veterans. Also assisted in their education have been more than 425,000 sons, daughters, widows or wives of permanently and totally disabled service-connected veterans or veterans whose deaths were service connected.

The most visible of all veterans' benefits and services is the hospital and medical care program. The VA hospital network has grown from 54 hospitals to 172. This expansion began under the authority of Public Law 346. With nearly 80,000 beds, these medical centers annually treat 1.4 million patients. VA outpatient clinics register more than 18 million visits a year. Nursing home and domiciliary care is provided for 29,000 veterans a year. Some 133 medical centers are affiliated with medical schools. Approximately 100,000 medical students each year receive all or part of their clinical training in veterans' facilities. Half of all practicing physicians in practice in the United States have received some portion of their training in VA health care facilities. Veterans' medical centers provide a wide range of professional services, including nursing, pharmacy, psychological and rehabilitative medicine, and social work. A record \$9.1 billion is budgeted for veterans' medical care programs for fiscal 1985.

The Loan Guaranty Program auth-

orized under this Act has benefited more than 11 million veterans and their dependents. Since this program was established as part of the original GI Bill, VA home loan guaranties have totaled 220 billion. In addition, 333,000 direct loans valued at \$3.4 billion have been made. In 1983, some 285,696 loans valued at approximately \$18 billion were guaranteed.

Public Law 346 stated that "there shall be an effective job counseling and employment placement for veterans." The law established a Veterans Placement Service Board with the VA Administrator as chairman.

A veteran of the wars of the United States separated from active service under honorable conditions was assigned as a veterans' employment representative to each State Employment Service.

Through the evolutionary process, both the VA and Department of Labor were legislatively mandated to provide a broad range of employment-related services to veterans. This resulted in a 1982 VA and DOL interagency agreement that had as its ultimate goal the successful vocational rehabilitation, and job placement for veterans.

Working together to this end, both agencies are committed to active cooperation and coordination in the implementation of employment programs at national and local levels.

Though in February employment rose markedly, veteran unemployment represented 7.3% of the work force. This unacceptably high statistic is the target of the coordinated employment campaign being conducted during June.

The author of the Servicemen's Readjustment Act envisioned better care and help for veterans and that the

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# Hall of Honor

The Hall of Honor, the nation's first permanent museum and archive dedicated to the nation's 3,414 Medal of Honor recipients, was opened to the public last December aboard the Intrepid Sea-Air-Space Museum in New York.

In all likelihood, no more fitting home for the Hall of Honor could be found than the Intrepid, an aircraft carrier with a 31-year career in World War II and the Vietnam War and into the Gemini and Mercury space missions, reborn in August, 1982, as a museum celebrating man's accomplishments at sea, in the air and in space.

Before the Hall of Honor opened as a museum-within-a-museum, no single memorial honored the exploits of the recipients of the Medal of Honor—"ordinary Americans," as the survivors call themselves—who in one special, unanticipated moment transcended the horror of war to risk their lives performing acts beyond the call of duty.

The Hall of Honor's opening was marked by a series of tributes and ceremonies. President Ronald Reagan and Mrs. Douglas A. MacArthur presided over a Congressional Medal of Honor Society luncheon introducing an audio-visual production that is part of the Hall of Honor. New York's Mayor Edward Koch attended the hall's dedication aboard the Intrepid and presented the 175 surviving Medal of Honor recipients who were there with keys to the city.

A year and a half of planning went into the hall's creation. A request from the Medal of Honor Society for office space aboard the Intrepid was the first step in establishing the Hall of Honor. Records and memorabilia relating to the medal and its recipients were scattered, and the society, comprised of 259 living Medal of Honor recipients, operated out of the home of its current president. There were no permanent offices.

The New York real estate developer, Zachary Fisher, who spearheaded the drive to convert the Intrepid into a

museum, agreed to the society's request and had the museum staff begin planning a Medal of Honor exhibit, with the help of the society's president, Ronald Ray, and New York regional director, Paul Bucha.

Ray and Bucha were awarded the Medal of Honor for action in Vietnam.

Chairman of the Intrepid Museum Foundation's board of trustees, Fisher foresaw "a permanent public exhibition that will serve as a perpetual tribute to the spirit of service demonstrated by the recipients of the Medal of Honor."

The Intrepid is now one of New York's most exciting cultural and educational attractions. Several exhibits are located on the carrier's 900-foot hangar deck in four halls: U.S. Navy Hall, Pioneer's Hall, Intrepid Hall and Technologies Hall.

The Hall of Honor, in three rooms on the hangar deck, is comprised of the Reception Gallery, featuring a mural by artist Alton Tobey and more than a century of rare Medal of Honor artifacts; the Medal Repository and bronze Roster of Recipients, and the Living Theater, featuring a multi-media presentation on the Medal of Honor and its recipients.

Tobey, known for his six-part mural series of Gen. Douglas MacArthur, created an 8 X 9-foot oil on canvas mural capturing the spirit of the Medal of Honor.

The medal's long history is incorporated in the figure of a young Civil War soldier (the medal was first awarded in 1861) and the figures of servicemen from every branch of the Armed Forces and from every war.

Articles include letters, diaries, uniforms, military insignias, tintypes and weapons from some of the medal's recipients.

All recipients' names are etched on the bronze roster. All three types of the medal are displayed: the original simple star established in 1861 and retained by the Navy, Marine Corps and Coast Guard; a wreathed version designed in 1904 for the Army, and an altered wreathed version for the Air Force, designed in 1963 and adopted in 1965.

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*The Intrepid, an aircraft carrier converted into a museum in New York, houses the Hall of Honor, the first permanent archive and repository dedicated to the 3,414 who earned the Medal of Honor, the nation's highest award.*





# Jobs for Veterans Assure the Nation's Future

*The VFW National Civil Service and Employment Committee has designated June as a period of intensive effort to promote veterans' employment. The campaign coincides with a similar effort conducted by the Department of Labor in June—Hire a Vet Month—to recognize the 40th anniversary of the Veterans' Preference Act. In this article, Assistant Secretary of Labor William C. Plowden, who heads veterans' employment and training in the department, discusses the Emergency Veterans' Job Training Act, signed by President Ronald Reagan last August at the VFW National Convention.*

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## By William C. Plowden, Jr.

The Emergency Veterans Job Training Act, signed by President Reagan in August, 1983, offers veterans, employers and our country many unique benefits.

By reimbursing employers up to \$10,000 for hiring and training eligible Korean War and Vietnam Era veterans, the new law can help both big and small business to build more capable, productive workforces. In the long run, more and better skill training for employees is what American industry needs to stay competitive.

By defraying the costs of hiring and training veterans for available jobs, the act encourages employers to select from a large group of applicants whose experience frequently is overlooked. Time spent in military service has given all veterans a chance to gain skills, experience and good work habits. Military training is often transferable to civilian jobs and many employers of veterans have praised their discipline, reliability and maturity.

By providing jobless veterans with many thousands of new opportunities for permanent private sector employment, the Emergency Veterans' Job

Training Act is one of the greatest tributes we can pay to individuals who served well and sacrificed much during difficult periods in our nation's history.

Administered jointly by the VA and the U.S. Department of Labor's Veterans' Employment and Training Service (VETS), this program is expected to create some 40,000 to 50,000 new jobs for unemployed veterans. Nearly \$150 million in training reimbursement is available to employers in fiscal 1984 on a first-come, first-served basis.

Veterans and employers have responded enthusiastically to the program since it went into effect in December, 1983. By mid-April, 1984, some 138,876 veterans had submitted applications for eligibility certification at local VA and Job Service offices and 102,044 of these applications had been approved. During the same period, 12,526 employers had requested certification to hire eligible veterans. The 11,107 employers whose applications had been approved said they planned to make available 23,814 positions to Korean and Vietnam Era veterans. Almost 3,500 of these positions had been filled by mid-April.

The number of applications and the rate of veteran job placement can be expected to increase over the coming months, as more people become aware of the program and as job-matching efforts continue. The VA and VETS, through local Job Service offices, are conducting multi-media information campaigns directed at veterans and employers. Members of the VFW and other veterans' service organizations and the Vietnam Veterans Leadership Program have been trained and are now helping businesses develop single-facility or corporate wide training programs that meet the act's requirements.

Because the program can pay as much as half a veteran's starting salary, it can be a valuable selling point for the jobseeker. One enterprising Saltville, Va., veteran reportedly

advertised in his local newspaper for employers to "Hire and train me and get back half my starting wage for 15 months."

Employers who need to fill existing vacancies or plan to expand their facilities and staffs can turn to the Emergency Veterans' Job Training Program for financial assistance and referrals of qualified potential employees. In today's rapidly changing, technology-based economy, the demand for well-trained workers often exceeds supply. Employers, therefore, must focus increasingly on providing training and retraining themselves. Veterans enter the civilian job market with a proven record of trainability and many already have technical skills applicable to private sector jobs.

To be eligible for employment under the training reimbursement program, Korean War and Vietnam Era veterans must have been unemployed for 15 of the 20 weeks before they apply to the VA or the Labor Department's local Job Service offices. Employers who apply to hire veterans must certify their intention to employ the veterans on a permanent basis after training is completed, must guarantee that the wages and benefits paid to veterans will be comparable to those normally paid to employees in training and must give assurance that no current employee will be displaced by a newly hired veteran.

More than 3,500 occupations are available for training reimbursement. They range from retail sales to computer technology. Training, however, cannot be for seasonal or temporary jobs or jobs which have incomes paid by commission or involve political or religious activity. Emergency Job Training Act goal is to get veterans into jobs that require specialized training and offer them the promise of meaningful careers, particularly in growth sectors of the economy.

Training programs generally must

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# The Far Shore:

# Normandy, June 6, 1944

**By James K. Anderson**

"The soldiers, the battleships, the cruisers and destroyers did the good work. It seems a miracle this beach was ever taken."

The words were those of Lt. W. L. Wade, commander of a landing craft that brought assault troops to Omaha Beach in the morning of D-Day, June 6, 1944, only two days after the occupation of Rome.

The soldiers were the 1st Army's V Corps troops of the 1st and 29th Infantry Divisions, the 2nd and 5th Ranger Battalions, the tank battalions, the engineers, naval beach battalions, medical units, anti-aircraft batteries, quartermasters and ordnancemen who took part in the decisive struggle on that strip of land 40 years ago.

The battleships were the Nevada, Arkansas, New York and Texas. They provided gunfire support for the troops before they hit the beaches and afterward when they needed it desperately amid the chaos and confusion of the invasion's initial critical stages. All four battleships would later join ships like the Missouri (BB63) for the invasions of Iwo Jima and Okinawa.

The cruisers and destroyers were those of the U.S. Navy, the Royal Navy, the French and even the Dutch Navies that gave close-in firepower for much of the day. They knocked out German pillboxes, silenced guns, wreaked havoc among the defenders of "Festung Europa" and even in one case helped capture some German troops.

The miracle was that Overlord, code name for the invasion of Normandy, and Neptune, its naval phase, were carried out in such secrecy that the Germans had no inkling of what was in store until it began.

Although Wade was referring specifically to Omaha Beach, at Utah Beach to the northwest the VII Corps's 4th Infantry Division, followed by the 90th, came in five hours after the 101st and 82nd Airborne Divisions jumped near Ste. Mere-Eglise and Carentan. Tankers, artillerymen, engineers and other support troops came in there, too.

The British and Canadians and French commandos invaded at 7 and 7:30 a.m. east of Omaha Beach, with paratrooper drops, at Gold, Juno and Sword Beaches. More than 1.5 million American troops and 124,000 sailors had been massed in England, training for this day for several months, just 100 miles from their ultimate target, the Far Shore. No leaks occurred, but one American general was cashiered for hinting at the date at a cocktail party, and security people got a shock when the May 22 London Times crossword puzzle carried all the invasion's code names. It was a coincidence. The puzzle had been written by two loyal, retired teachers.

Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower had set the date for Overlord for June 5, but bad weather predictions forced its postponement a day.

No German submarines got through the net of Liberators flying constant patrols, but what a target the 5,000 ships of the invasion armada would

have made. They were divided into two sections: Force U (for Utah) under Rear Adm. J.L. Hall and Force O (for Omaha) under Rear Adm. Don P. Moon. Vice Adm. Alan G. Kirk was overall U.S. naval commander. Included among the 5,000 ships were five attack transports, 25 LSTs and LCIs manned by Coast Guardsmen and 60 Coast Guard patrol boats that rescued 1,500 men, many of them wounded, from the chilling English Channel water.

On the Army's side, Lt. Gen. Omar N. Bradley commanded the 1st Army, while Maj. Gen. Leonard T. Gerow commanded V Corps at Omaha and Maj. Gen. J. Lawton Collins VII Corps at Utah. Division commanders were

*Infantrymen go ashore from a Coast Guard landing craft to attack German positions on Omaha Beach on D-Day 40 years ago in Normandy. (Coast Guard Photo.)*





Maj. Gen. Clarence R. Huebner, 1st; Maj. Gen. Charles H. Gerhardt, 29th; Maj. Gen. Matthew B. Ridgway, 82nd Airborne; Maj. Gen. Maxwell D. Taylor, 101st Airborne; Maj. Gen. Raymond O. Barton, 4th; and Brig. Gen. Jay W. MacKelvie, 90th.

First casualty was the Osprey, a minesweeper sunk on June 5, with the loss of six men.

Although H-Hour was set for 6:30 a.m., the two divisions of paratroopers began jumping about 1:30 a.m. from the 925 C-47s of the IX Troop Carrier Command that had taken off from 25 fields in England. Gliderborne infantry came in at dawn and at dusk and suffered heavy casualties as gliders crashed or struck vertical poles jutting out of hedgerow-enclosed fields.

Paratroopers' mission was to secure the area to the rear of the Germans inland from Utah Beach in the Ste. Mere-Eglise and Carentan areas. Much of the marshy ground was made more so by the Germans who opened dikes on the low-lying Merderet River. The Douve River was another problem. Many paratroopers drowned in the water, weighed down by their heavy equipment. Others were shot by Germans as they struggled to free themselves from trees. Still others were scattered and officers and non-coms had difficulty making contact with their troops in the pitch dark. Even so, the 13,000 paratroopers cleared the way for the advance of the 4th from Utah Beach later that day. By 4:30 a.m., a battalion of the 82nd's 505th had made Ste. Mere-Eglise the first French town liberated by the Americans and was fighting off German counterattacks. Airborne divisions' casualties were 1,259.

Omaha Beach was divided into eight separate beaches. From west to east, they were Charlie, Dog Green, Dog White, Dog Red, Easy Green, Easy Red, Fox Green and Fox Red. A, E, F and G Cos. of the 29th's 116th Regimental Combat Team, were assigned the first four, while E, F, I and L Cos., of the 1st's 16th Regimental Combat Team, were scheduled for the last three. The combat teams numbered more than 9,000 men each. The eight companies totaling more than 1,400 men made the initial assault along with Col. James E. Rudder's Provisional Ranger Force (2nd and 5th Battalions) attached to the 116th. Starting at 7 a.m., the rest of the 116th's and 16th's companies came in waves every 10 minutes. Following them were the 29th's 115th and 175th

Regiments and the 1st's 18th and 26th Regiments and the divisions' artillery units.

The troops' landing crafts were swept up in a tidal drift that took some as far as 1,000 yards east of their assigned landing areas. This caused much of the carnage and many of the casualties in the first minutes. Platoons of the same company were scattered and some units were isolated. A Co. was knocked out of action as its men suffered heavily in front of the deadly Vierville Draw on Dog Green.

Many companies sustained three-quarters casualties among their 180 men each.

When Rudder detected the eastward drift in the craft bearing his Rangers, true to his name, he ordered the skipper to change course and his men reached their objective, the Pointe du Hoc.

It was planned that B and C Cos. of the 741st Tank Battalion with 32 dual drive amphibious tanks (DD), specially adapted with canvas bloomers to enable them to float as they made their

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way in the water, would be released from their crafts from 6,000 to 1,000 yards offshore.

Of the 741st's 32 DDs, only two swam in and three were beached from an LCT. This was in the 16th's area. The 741st's surviving tanks landed in front of two draws on Easy Red and went into action.

In the 116th's zone, the LCT commander would not risk releasing the DDs in the water. All the 743rd Tank Battalion's 32 DDs made it to shore and started firing immediately. The 743rd's B Co. came ashore in front of the Vierville Draw. An LCT was sunk and eight tanks were knocked out. The eight remaining began firing at the water's edge. Tanks of A and C Cos. touched down to the east without initial losses.

Particularly hazardous were the assignments given the 16 demolition teams of the Army-Navy Special Engineer Task Force—the 5th and 6th Special Engineering Brigades and 6th Navy Beach Battalion—clearing away the great steel poles facing seaward and barricades, many of them mined, so infantry and vehicles could get through.

With only a half hour to do their work, teams often were hampered by infantrymen seeking cover at the obstacles from German fire. In addition, only five of the teams landed where they were supposed to. Eight were late coming in and three came ashore where no infantry or tanks could provide protective fire. Overall, the teams suffered 41% casualties, but they managed to blow six complete gaps and three partial ones.

Besides erecting these obstacles, the Germans had mined anti-tank ditches, set up strongpoints at each exit from the beaches, dug a trench system and emplaced guns enfilading the whole beach and protected by 3-foot concrete shields, mortars and French 47mm guns in tank turrets dug into the ground, plus mobile 88s and 75s. Samuel Eliot Morison, the historian who chronicled the Navy's World War II exploits, wrote that "not even the Japanese defenses at Iwo, Tarawa or Peleliu could compare with them." Some 110 German batteries guarded the coastline in the U.S. sectors.

The infantrymen often landed neck deep in water into automatic weapons and rifle fire as the Germans concentrated on the landing areas, heeding Field Marshall Erwin Rommel's com-

mand to stop the invasion on the beaches.

After reaching the shore, loaded down with equipment, the infantry had to rush across 200 or so yards of open ground before reaching the seawall or "shingle" (small smooth stones) that covered the ground. In some places troops were clustered so thickly they were likened to a "human carpet." Often men would stop to pull wounded men from the water, only to be shot themselves. Losses were heaviest among those who tarried or found shelter. Others drowned before reaching land.

In the first minutes of D-Day, the most successful attack on Omaha was that of Rudder's Rangers who climbed up Pointe du Hoc to capture the heavy guns—"the most dangerous in France"—only to find they had been removed to the rear and replaced with telephone poles. The Rangers quickly moved on and took the guns, but were cut off for two days before relief reached them. For their mission, they borrowed ladders from the London Fire Department but found they didn't need them. For awhile, there was some concern that the invasion, at least on Omaha Beach, would fail. Gen Bradley wrote in his memoirs, "A Soldier's Story," that in the first hours of D-Day he was so alarmed that he considered diverting the followup troops to Utah Beach or the British sector. Then at about 1:30 p.m. word from Gerow reached him at his USS Augusta command post that the troops were advancing up the bluffs from Easy Red and Fox Green.

*After pausing briefly at the seawall on Utah Beach, these 4th Division infantrymen soon will be following their comrades in the attack inland. (Army Photo.)*



Long before, officers had begun organizing patrols and getting their troops sorted out. Three mentioned in most accounts of the action are Brig. Gen. Norman Cota, the 29th's assistant commander; Col. Charles W.D. Canham, of the 116th; and Col. George Taylor, of the 16th. By 11 o'clock, more tanks were getting into action and more troops were moving inland.

One of the brightest spots in the landing picture was at Les Moulins on the west side of Dog Red Beach. A draw here led up to St. Laurent. Smoke from grass fires caused by heavy naval shelling and rockets, since this was an especially well protected strongpoint, obstructed German gunners' vision. The troops landing there were virtually unscathed.

Every 10 minutes after 7 a.m. a new wave of troops in landing craft were to come in until 10:15 and the water was rising 12 inches every eight minutes. Even so, the Germans reported at 8 a.m. they had stopped the invasion. This rosy view was sent out even as the Americans were breaking out of the beaches and through their defenses.

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*From left to right, these are the patches of the major United States units that took part in the invasion of Normandy on June 6, 1944: 1st Army, VII Corps, V Corps, 8th Air Force, 9th Air Force, 101st Airborne Division, 82nd Airborne Division, 29th Division, 1st Division, 2nd and 5th Ranger Battalions, 4th Division, 90th Division, Engineer Special Brigades and Amphibious Units.*





# Veterans Preference

*The VFW National Civil Service and Employment Committee has designated June as a period of intensive effort to promote veterans' employment. The campaign coincides with a similar effort conducted by the Department of Labor in June—Hire a Vet Month—to recognize the 40th anniversary of the Veterans' Preference Act. Director Donald J. Devine, of the Office of Personnel Management, discusses the Veterans' Preference Act in this article.*

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## By Donald J. Devine

Since the nation's beginning, veterans usually received some type of recognition for their service, sometimes in the form of a pension and sometimes in the form of a job because of demonstrated leadership ability. There was no formal national policy regarding employment benefits in the federal service, however, until 1865 when a Congressional resolution granted job preference in federal employment to veterans with service-incurred disabilities.

In the years that followed, a variety of legislation, Presidential executive orders, legal opinions and administrative rules expanded upon the limited veterans' preference benefits granted in 1865. Benefits were extended to nondisabled veterans, widows of veterans and peacetime veterans. Points were added to Civil Service exam scores. Provision for waiver of physical requirements, credit for time spent in the military, reinstatement benefits and reduction-in-force (layoff) protection were introduced. As the years passed, veterans' preference and the merit system became inseparable parts of the federal government's per-

sonnel system.

Passage of the Veterans' Preference Act of 1944 was the culmination of a developing policy on veterans' preference. It took the spirit and much of the letter of previous legislation, executive orders and administrative rules and incorporated them into a final legislatively and Presidentially sanctioned national policy that recognizes veterans' service and sacrifice by giving them employment preference for federal civilian service.

Since its passage, the Veterans' Preference Act has been amended a number of times. In each case, its original features were preserved and employment benefits expanded. The act's benefits now include (1) preference in employment for nondisabled and disabled veterans, spouses of veteran preference eligibles, widows and widowers of veterans and mothers of eligibles; (2) addition of points to passing scores obtained by veterans' preference eligibles on Civil Service examinations; (3) restriction of competition to veterans' preference eligibles in certain examinations (guard, elevator operator, messenger, and custodian) as long as the eligibles are available; (4) provision for veterans to reopen examinations under certain time limitations; (5) allowing time spent in the military to be added to the length of time spent working in the federal service; (6) waiver of physical job requirements under certain conditions, (7) special provisions in layoff situations, and (8) job reinstatement rights.

The law is specific concerning which veterans are eligible for veterans' preference. Not all ex-military personnel are eligible. Since October, 1976, only veterans with service-connected disabilities and those receiving campaign medals are eligible.

Although the Veterans' Preference

Act remains basically unchanged since it was signed into law by President Franklin D. Roosevelt on June 27, 1944, its spirit and the continuing gratitude of the American people have generated additional employment programs benefiting certain categories of veterans.

These include:

The Veterans Readjustment Appointment Program. This is a special employment and development program for Vietnam veterans. It involves special noncompetitive appointment at certain grade levels and after two years conversion to regular career status.

Special employment for veterans who are 30% or more disabled. Such veterans can be hired noncompetitively for any position and grade level for which they are qualified. The program allows for conversion to regular career status.

The Disabled Veteran Affirmative Action Program. All federal executive agencies are required actively to develop and implement programs to improve the recruitment, hiring and advancement of disabled veterans.

Veterans' preference for service persons who served in the Lebanon and Grenada theaters of action.

The Veterans' Preference Act has been a resounding success. This is evidenced by figures which show that today, 39 years after the cessation of World War II hostilities, 30 years after Korea and 10 years after Vietnam, 39% of the non-Postal work force are veterans' preference eligibles and 52% of the Postal Service has the same status.

The federal government has made many valuable contributions to space exploration, agriculture, science, and a myriad of other areas which result in an improved level and quality of life for the American people. Veterans can claim credit for much of the success.



**April** (Parenthetical number indicates times Commander has won this honor.)

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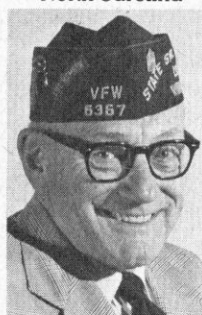
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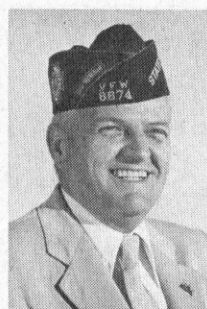
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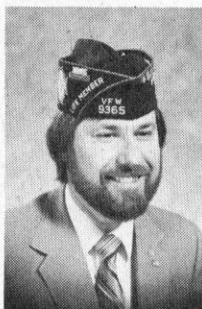
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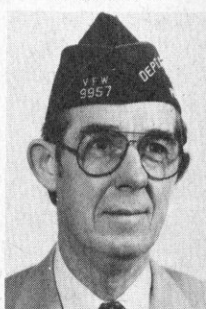
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Standings are based on per capita tax transmittals received at National Headquarters through April 30, 1984.

### NATIONAL AVERAGE — 100.03%

1	Alaska	112.19
2	Utah	107.83
3	Florida	105.29
4	South Carolina	105.03
5	Ohio	102.67
6	Virginia	102.56
7	New Mexico	102.50
8	Arizona	102.29
9	North Carolina	102.22
10	North Dakota	101.70
11	Iowa	101.68
12	Missouri	101.52

13	Mississippi	101.50
14	Rhode Island	101.44
15	Georgia	101.24
16	New Hampshire	101.16
17	Washington	101.06
18	Arkansas	100.91
19	Vermont	100.70
20	Maryland	100.62
21	California	100.22
22	Colorado	100.21
23	Michigan	100.19
24	Indiana	100.17
25	South Dakota	100.17
26	Nevada	100.14
27	Minnesota	100.03
28	Wisconsin	99.98
29	Connecticut	99.89
30	Pennsylvania	99.88
31	Nebraska	99.76
32	Kentucky	99.72
33	New Jersey	99.60

34	Oregon	99.50
35	Louisiana	98.98
36	Montana	98.96
37	New York	98.88
38	Illinois	98.56
39	Massachusetts	98.49
40	Alabama	98.41
41	Maine	98.014
42	Kansas	98.007
43	Texas	97.98
44	Pacific Area	97.87
45	Hawaii	97.85
46	Tennessee	97.63
47	West Virginia	97.47
48	Oklahoma	96.70
49	Idaho	96.66
50	District of Columbia	96.48
51	Panama Canal	95.68
52	Delaware	94.85
53	Wyoming	94.73
Last	Germany	86.77



# posts of 1,000 members or more

Recorded as of April 9, 1984

Post Place No.	Location	1984 Membership	Post Place No.	Location	1984 Membership
1 1114	Evansville, Ind.	4,052	90 6874	Lemon Grove, Calif.	1,283
2 3579	Park Ridge, Ill.	2,827	91 1435	Spokane, Wash.	1,279
3 628	Sioux Falls, S.D.	2,582	92 3160	Norfolk, Va.	1,270
4 1308	Alton, Ill.	2,574	93 3962	Corinth, Miss.	1,266
5 47	Uniontown, Pa.	2,528	94 1201	Ponca City, Okla.	1,258
6 1146	Saint Clair Shores, Mich.	2,462	95 7175	Millington, Tenn.	1,256
7 5555	Richfield, Minn.	2,340	96 2940	West Seneca, N.Y.	1,253
8 49	Mobile, Ala.	2,314	97 2093	Orlando, Fla.	1,249
9 1064	Huntington, W. Va.	2,308	98 1475	Amarillo, Texas	1,218
10 131	Lincoln, Neb.	2,163	99 1536	Sayre, Pa.	1,215
11 360	Mishawaka, Ind.	2,144	100 3790	Logansport, Ind.	1,211
12 1273	Rapid City, S.D.	2,130	101 6712	Revere, Mass.	1,206
13 1296	Bloomington, Minn.	2,008	102 2640	Wallington, N.J.	1,203
14 401	Albuquerque, N.M.	1,978	103 1120	Indianapolis, Ind.	1,202
15 2290	Manville, N.J.	1,966	104 1590	Daytona Beach, Fla.	1,197
16 3382	Kingsport, Tenn.	1,961	105 1639	Willmar, Minn.	1,193
17 6704	Mechanicsburg, Pa.	1,927	106 1863	Solon, Ohio	1,188
18 2539	Gulfport, Miss.	1,910	107 2702	Huntsville, Ala.	1,181
19 249	Butler, Pa.	1,866	108 4051	Colorado Springs, Colo.	1,173
20 283	Kingston, Pa.	1,857	109 4488	Grenada, Miss.	1,167
21 6506	Rosedale, Md.	1,829	110 305	Eau Claire, Wis.	1,163
22 969	Tacoma, Wash.	1,826	110 6240	Russell, Kans.	1,163
23 6640	Metairie, La.	1,811	112 1411	Cumberland, Md.	1,155
24 2100	Everett, Wash.	1,771	112 3376	Ephrata, Pa.	1,155
25 379	Yakima, Wash.	1,744	114 4848	Chattanooga, Tenn.	1,153
26 6975	Bristol, Va.	1,733	115 1474	Spokane, Wash.	1,151
27 5263	Fort Sill, Okla.	1,715	116 9186	San Antonio, Texas	1,150
28 4372	Odessa, Texas	1,674	117 137	Duluth, Minn.	1,146
29 1275	Lima, Ohio	1,651	118 1271	Central Falls, R.I.	1,145
30 1003	Jefferson City, Mo.	1,642	119 425	Hopkins, Minn.	1,142
31 7987	New Port Richey, Fla.	1,633	120 1115	Hillsville, Va.	1,141
32 3851	Carmi, Ill.	1,607	121 8790	Houston, Texas	1,139
33 367	Joliet, Ill.	1,605	122 1990	Greeneville, Tenn.	1,133
34 573	Clarksburg, W. Va.	1,599	123 1087	Great Falls, Mont.	1,130
35 2704	South Omaha, Neb.	1,569	124 191	Canonsburg, Pa.	1,129
36 501	Denver, Colo.	1,563	125 3074	Lexington, N.C.	1,128
37 112	Wichita, Kans.	1,560	126 658	Macon, Ga.	1,122
38 641	Columbia, S.C.	1,554	127 3368	Mount Pleasant, Pa.	1,105
39 9619	Morningside, Md.	1,547	128 8919	El Paso, Texas	1,103
40 1599	Chambersburg, Pa.	1,546	129 1944	Puente, Calif.	1,102
41 1989	Indiana, Pa.	1,544	130 155	Johnstown, Pa.	1,100
42 5632	St. Louis Park, Minn.	1,535	131 382	El Reno, Okla.	1,098
43 1621	Janesville, Wis.	1,533	132 7069	Clarks Summit, Pa.	1,096
44 8541	San Antonio, Texas	1,531	133 905	Gardner, Mass.	1,094
44 549	Tucson, Ariz.	1,531	134 7686	Alamogordo, N.M.	1,091
44 7330	Oakville, Conn.	1,531	135 9223	Arlington, Calif.	1,084
47 23	Lebanon, Pa.	1,522	136 4256	Madeira Beach, Fla.	1,082
48 2754	West View, Pa.	1,518	137 1848	Jackson, Tenn.	1,077
49 1736	Alexandria, La.	1,514	138 4075	Frankfort, Ky.	1,071
50 53	Jamestown, N.Y.	1,505	139 2149	Bensenville, Ill.	1,070
51 9400	Sunnyslope, Ariz.	1,501	140 6800	Somerville, Mass.	1,068
52 4903	Tucson, Ariz.	1,495	141 2867	Garfield, N.J.	1,067
52 1079	Elyria, Ohio	1,495	141 2496	Alpena, Mich.	1,067
54 1000	Independence, Mo.	1,476	143 5266	Morristown, Tenn.	1,066
55 1650	Topeka, Kans.	1,471	144 167	Charleroi, Pa.	1,065
56 2503	Omaha, Neb.	1,470	145 1383	Klamath Falls, Ore.	1,063
57 4087	Davison, Mich.	1,457	146 9337	Gastonia, N.C.	1,060
58 891	Asheville, N.C.	1,455	147 788	Cedar Rapids, Iowa	1,058
59 1	Denver, Colo.	1,450	148 9969	Del City, Okla.	1,056
60 832	South Portland, Maine	1,432	149 943	Ashtabula, Ohio	1,054
61 9191	Killeen, Texas	1,431	150 1693	New Albany, Ind.	1,051
62 1432	Salina, Kans.	1,424	151 5108	Marietta, Ohio	1,050
63 3892	Harker Heights, Texas	1,421	151 1720	Grand Rapids, Minn.	1,050
64 5225	West Memphis, Ark.	1,415	153 1754	Huntingdon, Pa.	1,046
65 1857	Oklahoma City, Okla.	1,409	154 495	Columbus, Ohio	1,044
66 6896	Detroit, Mich.	1,404	155 668	Birmingham, Ala.	1,043
67 2529	Sandusky, Ohio	1,390	156 6827	Saint Petersburg, Fla.	1,041
68 733	Mason City, Iowa	1,389	157 1936	Hagerstown, Md.	1,039
69 295	S. St. Paul, Minn.	1,384	158 99	Decatur, Ill.	1,035
70 7119	Indianapolis, Ind.	1,376	159 145	Bridgeport, Conn.	1,035
71 447	Albert Lea, Minn.	1,373	160 639	Malden, Mass.	1,031
72 2130	Lake Charles, La.	1,369	161 950	Mankato, Minn.	1,025
73 1865	Kenosha, Wis.	1,365	162 5064	McMinnville, Tenn.	1,024
74 2012	Abilene, Texas	1,364	163 1881	Cheyenne, Wyo.	1,023
75 589	Hazleton, Pa.	1,362	163 753	Minot, N.D.	1,023
76 6796	Dallas, Texas	1,347	165 5290	Conyers, Ga.	1,020
77 4057	Tupelo, Miss.	1,343	166 5542	Bristol, Pa.	1,013
78 1810	Brentwood, Pa.	1,342	166 3553	Chester, Ill.	1,013
79 2199	Joliet, Ill.	1,340	168 737	Council Bluffs, Iowa	1,012
80 6251	Cheektowaga, N.Y.	1,337	169 245	Sellersville, Pa.	1,009
81 3777	Festus, Mo.	1,320	170 1600	Bellefonte, Pa.	1,008
81 1216	Austin, Minn.	1,320	171 701	Lansing, Minn.	1,006
83 3838	Cape Girardeau, Mo.	1,318	172 9539	Spartanburg, S.C.	1,005
84 428	Saint Cloud, Minn.	1,317	173 3373	Pascagoula, Miss.	1,005
85 762	Fargo, N.D.	1,316	174 2166	Elizabethton, Tenn.	1,002
86 972	Terre Haute, Ind.	1,310	174 3588	Lake Worth, Fla.	1,002
87 2346	Saugus, Mass.	1,306	174 4548	Jacksonville, Ark.	1,002
88 577	Tulsa, Okla.	1,301	177 6672	Thomson, Ga.	1,000
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# Every Day Is Flag Day To Him

By Dorothy Prunty

To Tom A. Thomas, Jr. of Oklahoma City, a member of VFW Post 1857, every day is Flag Day. His love affair with his country's Flag blossomed in 1942 when he was the second pilot to land with the invasion forces in North Africa. The cheers of the crowd in Casablanca sounded good to his ears.

"However, when I got out of the plane it was apparent those cheers weren't for me, but for the U.S. Flag that had been specially painted on the side of the aircraft," Thomas said.

Later, as he moved with the invading forces across Africa, he realized the U.S. Flag drew emotional responses of some sort everywhere it flew. Never was it ignored.

"Until then the Flag was just something atop a pole," said Thomas. "I guess I just took it for granted."

His war experiences deepened his commitment to his country and an appreciation for its Flag. He determined "to show the Flag as many times as I could in my life...to all people, not only in the U.S., but all over the world."

Eventually, Pilot Thomas was assigned to the 27th Fighter Bomb Group. On his 70th mission, he shot down a German plane and was in turn shot down by enemy ground fire. Thomas bailed out and landed in the back of a truck in Corleone, Sicily. Badly burned and injured, Thomas was taken a prisoner of war. He escaped and rejoined the U.S. forces and was hospitalized for many months.

Then Thomas delayed his wedding for four months, so that he could make a bond drive throughout the U.S.

Thomas retired from active duty in

May, 1949, but stayed in the reserves until 1980. As he built his business, the Thomas Concrete Products Co. in Oklahoma City, he remembered his vow to honor the Flag in any way possible. The hard hats, trucks and other vehicles of his company bear the red, white and blue emblem.

The buildings constructed by his firm are topped with a Flag instead of a tree. The Flags for this purpose are gifts. Recently, a developing area in Oklahoma City received a gigantic banner (20'X 30') from the man who enjoys seeing his nation's Flag fluttering in the breeze.

On Thomas's frequent travels he distributes Flag-decorated pens, Flag decals and many 3' X 5' Flags.

The U.S. Flag appeared on the Aero-Commander 690B Turboprop in which he made a sentimental journey in 1982 to the areas of his wartime experiences.

With him as crew were his son, Tom A. Thomas III, Leo V. Rodriguez, another pilot who flew off the HMS Archer, and former Navy pilot Glenn Trewet, who had flown in the same area. They departed on Nov. 11, 1982, Veterans Day. From Casablanca they proceeded to Rabat, Fez, Algiers and Tunis, spending time and meeting officials at each landing point.

They flew from Tunis to many sites Thomas helped bomb as Field Marshall Erwin Rommel retreated through the area, and then on to Palermo, Sicily, where Thomas was a POW. From there, they flew to Naples and Salerno, the last base Thomas left in November, 1943. They covered 12,000 nautical miles in their 12-day trip, with an actual flying time of 53 hours.

When they landed in Oklahoma City, the U.S. Flag topped the flags of each country visited on the "sentimental journey". Retired Col. Thomas took 5,000 of his Flag-draped ballpoint pens and 12 large U.S. Flags for presentation to the mayors of cities visited. When he landed back in Oklahoma City, he had just enough pens to give one to each guest at his homecoming party.

Back home, Thomas continues to show his concern for his country's glory. He currently plans to open a flying museum of post-1930 aircraft at the Ada, Okla., Municipal Airport. The museum, which will open this year, will be the base, too, for several air shows a year. Thomas's collection of vintage aircraft will be on permanent loan there, along with the planes of other collectors. Premise of the museum is to display, for historical and educational interest, aircraft which have added to America's greatness, both in war and peace.

The Confederate Air Force and its activities take up many of Thomas's leisure hours. He sponsors and attends two or three air shows a month from March through October with the CAF's Oklahoma Wing.

As an associate member of the Civil Air Patrol, Thomas aids the scholarship program for CAP cadets.

Despite his commitment to flying and his still-active business career, Thomas retains his zeal to honor the U.S. Flag. He hopes that others, seeing the Flags he raises, will know again that it represents the greatest nation on earth.

# Lady Liberty Needs Help

After almost a hundred years of holding her torch of freedom high, the grand old lady is showing her age.

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Commander-in-Chief Clifford G. Olson, Jr., and the National Council of Administration are asking VFW members to contribute to the nationwide campaign to refurbish her in time for her centennial in 1986.

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*Scaffolding now covers the Statue of Liberty while renovation work is going on for the venerable lady's centennial. VFW members are being asked to contribute to the project. (National Park Service Photo.)*

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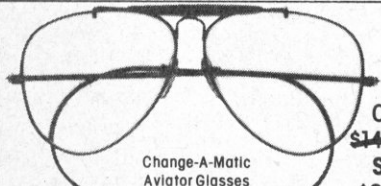
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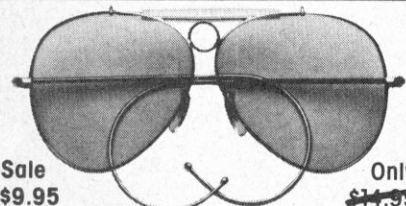
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## VFW National Home Graduates

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A former resident completed her studies at Michigan State University in March with a bachelor of arts degree in elementary education.

The seven are:

Cathy Hofbauer, who has lived at the National Home for most of her life, is the last to graduate from high school in the Hofbauer family. She plans to attend Lansing Community College and eventually become a dental assistant.

Michael Parish, who came to the National Home April 4, 1981, sponsored by Post 1283 of Eaton Rapids. He is the oldest in his family. Two sisters and two brothers also are on campus with their mother. Mike plans to attend Central Michigan University or Albion College and study accounting or business administration.

Robert Richardson, who came to the National Home July 26, 1969, with four older brothers and sisters, sponsored by Post 3283, of Dayton, Ohio. He is interested in media technology, graphics and music, and plans to attend Lansing Community College.

John Runge, who with his mother and his younger brother, arrived at the National Home July 7, 1975, sponsored by Post 2290, of New Jersey. John says he plans to go to college, but he isn't sure where. He is interested in studying English and business administration.

Sherri Santelman, is a Home resident since Oct. 29, 1981, sponsored by Pontiac, Ill., Post 886. Her two younger sisters and her mother are also residing on campus. Sherri is undecided on



Kevin Sill, Sherri Santelman, Mike Parish, John Runge, Robbie Richardson and Cathy Hofbauer are this year's National Home Graduates. At time photograph was taken Jim Talbert was unavailable.

what she wants to do, but says she probably will further her education after a year's break. She's interested in nursing and accounting.

Kevin Sill came to the National Home with his older sister from Pennsylvania July 20, 1965. They were sponsored by Post 7527. Kevin plans on an Army career.

James Talbert has lived at the National Home with his father and brothers and sisters since June 10, 1977. They were sponsored by Post 371, of Astoria, Ore. James would like to become a travel agent. He plans to attend school in Florida or Lansing Community College.

Nancy Hofbauer is the MSU graduate. She minored in language arts and social studies and is qualified to teach kindergarten through the eighth grade and is substitute teaching in the area. Nancy came to live at the VFW National Home with her mother, two brothers and Cathy, her younger sister, on March 14, 1970. The family was sponsored by Arlington Heights, Ill., Post 981.

### Q. What happens to the kids when they are grown? How long can they stay?

A. Children residing at the National Home without a parent must leave the Home during the summer following their high school graduation. Because the National Home is licensed as a children's home, young adults are not allowed to remain past this time. In many cases, graduating youngsters will have experienced the Home's independent living program to prepare them for life beyond the National Home.

Slightly different rules apply to a youngster living with a single parent on the campus. When this youngster graduates from high school, he or she may stay with the parent as long as the youngster is continuing in school or is employed.

### Clarification

Reference in the VFW National Home Questions and Answers (April) was to VFW National Home life members, not life members of the VFW National Organization.

# General Orders

## NATIONAL HEADQUARTERS

Veterans of Foreign Wars  
of the United States

General Orders No. 9 1983-84 Series

1. The following appointments are hereby announced: DIRECTOR, PUBLIC AFFAIRS, WASHINGTON OFFICE: Ronald A. Duchin, Post 8241, McLean, Va.; ASSISTANT DIRECTOR, PUBLIC AFFAIRS, WASHINGTON OFFICE: Edward (Leo) Andrew, Post 7327, Springfield, Va.
2. Installing officers are directed to see to it that the Post Election Report forms have been completed and mailed to Department and National Headquarters prior to installing Post Officers. If a Post Election Report form has not been forwarded to Department and National Headquarters at the time of installation the installing officer shall complete and forward such report at the time he installs Post Officers.
3. Post, County Council, District and Department Adjutants are reminded of the requirements of Sections 216 (c), 316, 414 (c) and 515 (c) with regard to proof of eligibility for all newly elected and appointed officers. Failure or refusal to submit proof of eligibility shall result in the office being declared vacant and shall be grounds for challenge and ultimate removal from the membership rolls.
4. Attention of Post Adjutants is directed to Section 107, Manual of Procedure, Transfers. Forms P-150 are available through Department Headquarters and should be completed before accepting a member by transfer from another Post.
5. Department Adjutants will promptly forward a complete roster of the newly elected and appointed Department Officers to the Adjutant General as soon as the officers have been installed.
6. Attention of Department Quartermasters is directed to Section 517, Manual of Procedure, "Duty of Department Quartermaster" paragraph (g), which states the Department Quartermaster shall prepare a tentative budget for the financial operation for the ensuing year. Restricted funds shall be budgeted separately and shall include a dues reserve fund as specified in paragraph (1) of the same section.
7. Section 222 of the National Constitution and By-Laws provides that Posts shall elect delegates and alternates to the National Convention at the last meeting in June. Posts are entitled to one (1) delegate and one (1) alternate for each fifty (50) members or fraction thereof in good standing at the time of election.
8. Delegate strength of each Post of the National Convention shall be based on the National dues received by the Quartermaster General as of July 5 except for Posts that are chartered after that date.

9. Section 222 of the National Constitution and By-Laws requires each Post register in advance one, or more, delegates to the National Convention. Advance registration fee is six dollars (\$6.00) per delegate and should be mailed to Veterans of Foreign Wars 85th National Convention, Suite 419, The Conrad Hilton Hotel, 720 South Michigan Avenue, Chicago, Illinois 60605.

10. All correspondence directed to National Convention Director Arthur J. Vater, or concerning the 85th National Convention should be directed to:

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11. Post Commanders shall see that the office of the Quartermaster is bonded in accordance with Section 703, National Constitution and By-Laws and Manual of Procedure. He shall also see that Trustees Report of Audit (Form - 113) are properly prepared and submitted each quarter as required by the National Constitution and By-Laws and Manual of Procedure.

12. Attention of incoming Post Officers is directed to Section 218, Manual of Procedure, which outlines the duties of various Post Officers.

13. The location of the following Post has been changed: Post 3797 from Reeves to LeBlanc, La.

14. Announcement is made of correct locations of the following Posts: Post 939, Monterey, Calif.; Post 3212, Riverview, Ala.; and Post 7939, Leroy Township, Ohio.

15. Certificates of charters evidencing consolidation have been issued to the following Posts: Posts 1525 and 4920 consolidated as Post 4920, Chicago, Ill.; Posts 2193 and 5293 consolidated as Post 2193, Maywood, Ill.; Posts 4940 and 5273 consolidated as Post 4940, Lewisburg, Va.; and Posts 5618 and 6969 consolidated as Post 6969, Dallas, Texas.

16. Charters for the following Posts have been authorized: Post 3251, Desert Shores, Calif.; Post 3960, Willits, Calif.; Post 4638, Anniston, Ala.; Post 5125, Gallatin, Tenn.; Post 5294, Gunderland, N.Y.; Post 6889, Red Lake, Minn.; Post 6073, Sugarland, Texas; Post 7157, St. Louis, Mo.; Post 7229, Greenville, N.Y.; Post 8443, Hendersonville, Texas; Post 8616, Honolulu, Hawaii; Post 9434, Fair Bluff, N.C.; Post 9495, Portland, Tenn.; Post 10248, Milwaukee, Wis.; Post 10377, MPRC, Belton, Texas; Post 10584, Kingston, Okla.; Post 10743, Sedona, Ariz. and Post 10744, Nicksville, Ariz.  
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## By Clifford G. Olson, Jr. VFW Commander-in-Chief

Time is rapidly running out for the VFW to reach its 2 million-member goal by the end of the 1983-84 year.

If every member works for the next few days to bring in five new or reinstated members, it will be a breeze. But the key word is "work."

Begin with people on the job with you, your relatives, people you see every week at religious services, in the supermarket or even at the barber-shop or where you buy your gasoline. Don't forget your service comrades or shipmates. Write them and enclose membership applications. Don't overlook any possibilities and don't worry about making a pest of yourself. The ones you recruit will thank you, for in the long run you are doing them a favor.

Your Commander-in-Chief has announced that a specially-designed membership award, the 2 million Member Incentive Award in the form of a recruiter pin, will be presented those who bring in five new or reinstated members between March 1 and June 30. But, don't forget that the member who gets only one new or reinstated eligible veteran is plenty important, too. In fact, if every one of us would recruit only one we would be working for 4 million right now. This then is the time to work harder, expend every effort to recruit new and reinstated members to conclude the year with a resounding 2 million. About May 1, the fifth and final dues reminder was sent out, but it will be effective only if each Post carries out a campaign to round up those who have not yet paid their dues.

Besides renewal notices, each Post Quartermaster was sent last March a list of members whose dues have not been paid and each was advised to

provide each person on the Membership Team with names to contact.

Let's get moving on this, if you have not already.

With 2 million members, the VFW will be in a stronger position than ever to work for veterans, their dependents and the United States as a whole.

Just imagine the added leverage this organization will have in Washington—not just with Congress but with the White House and all the government agencies that deal with veterans' affairs—with 2 million members.

And don't forget that by reaching the 2 million figure, each one of us is making a statement that all Americans can hear. We are proclaiming our loyalty to the United States we served, putting the nation's enemies on notice that 2 million American veterans of overseas service are pledged to see to it that this country's interests come first.

This is especially important at the present time, for the enemies of America—wherever they are and whoever they are—must get that word loud and clear.

Many of the more vocal critics of the defense budget pander to popular perceptions of economic distress by blaming the high cost of defending America—ignoring the growing Soviet military buildup—for this country's financial problems in the United States. They forget that if the United States is not strong enough to deter aggression, every other benefit of American life means nothing. In the context of the world struggle the U.S. is engaged in, there is no prize for second best.

A 2 million-member VFW, solidly behind the overall objectives of the United States, could go a long way toward making many in public life think twice before mindlessly criticizing the actions of this nation on the world scene.

The future of veterans' benefits is being

jeopardized by suggestions by men like David Stockman, who directs the Office of Management and Budget, that the Veterans Administration medical care system eventually become an adjunct to that of the private sector.

Another threat to veterans' benefits is posed by the Grace Commission that would like to see some VA functions turned over to the private sector or to other agencies.

In the past few years, the VFW has seen similar recommendations from the 20th Century Fund, the National Science Foundation and the Heritage Foundation. The VFW succeeded in turning back these assaults then. But who knows what the future will bring? With 2 million members, the task will be somewhat easier.

The 1985 Veterans Administration budget is more than \$900 million greater than the 1984 figure. Although the 1985 budget has a few shortcomings, the VFW generally is pleased with it.

Who knows, however, what lies ahead. It is with the future of VA budgets, veterans' entitlements, the care of our aging veteran population, consideration for Vietnam veterans and the veterans of wars and campaigns yet to be fought that the VFW is concerned.

Each member of the VFW should be concerned, too—enough to round up those new and reinstated members in numbers large enough to push this organization over the top and into the 2 million-bracket.

It is not too late, but you must begin working now and you must generate enough enthusiasm among your comrades to make them go out and work.

It is a team effort. Teamwork on an athletic field wins games. Teamwork on the battlefield wins wars. Teamwork in VFW membership recruiting wins for veterans and for America.

Let's hit it.

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## Chaplain Best Dies; Buried in Arlington

The Rev. Earl V. Best, two-term VFW National Chaplain and Indiana Department Chaplain for 25 years, was buried in Arlington National Cemetery April 2 following his death in Noblesville, Ind., March 28. He was 79.

VFW services were conducted for Mr. Best March 30, with the eulogy delivered by Past Commander-in-Chief Arthur J. Fellwock, who was a close friend of the Past National Chaplain. Mr. Best was a member of Post 7119.

The funeral was held March 31 at the Victory Chapel Community Church in Noblesville, conducted by the Rev. John W. Landon.

Past Commander-in-Chief Richard Roudebush, another close friend and associate of Mr. Best, delivered the eulogy at the services at Arlington. He recalled the 30 years of warm friendship that existed between the two.

Roudebush also recalled Mr. Best's service as a Navy chaplain during World War II and a missionary to Japan before the war. As an example of the esteem in which he was held in Indiana, Roudebush said, Mr. Best was elected the Department's first Honorary Past Department Commander by Past Commanders of Indiana a few months ago at a surprise party honoring Mr. Best.

Mr. Best served in 1969-1970 and 1962-1963 as National Chaplain.

A native of Galivants Ferry, S.C., he studied at the College of Charleston and also was a graduate of Asbury Theological Seminary, Wilmore, Ky.; Hartford Seminary Foundation, Hartford, Conn.; Butler University, Indianapolis, Ind., and Indiana University in Bloomington.

During World War II as a Navy chaplain he reached the rank of lieutenant commander, but remained in the Navy Reserve and retired as a commander.

A retired Disciples of Christ minister, Mr. Best served several churches in South Carolina and Indiana and retired in the mid-1970s as minister of the Refuge Christian Church in Noblesville. He also taught financial management at Ft. Benjamin Harrison.

Surviving are his widow, Eleanor, and one son, Earl, Jr., of California, and several nieces and nephews.



# Cameron Wants 2 Million Now

An urgent appeal to work to complete the 1983-84 year with 2 million members was made by Sr. Vice Commander-in-Chief Billy Ray Cameron at the Department Senior Vice Commanders and Adjutants-Quartermasters Conference in Kansas City the weekend of April 14 and 15.

Explaining the need in order to provide the VFW with more numbers and therefore more leverage with Congress and the Executive Branch, Cameron emphasized:

"Unless we reach the 2 million-goal at the end of this year, my year will not be a success."

"We want to make this the largest veterans' organization in the world so we can accomplish more for the veterans, their dependents, for their communities and for America," he continued. "The VFW is an organization that stands for America, for the Flag and for God."

Cameron said that his theme for 1984-85, "First \_\_\_\_\_ Serving America," will lay stress on the purpose of the organization as service-oriented.

Adjutant Gen. Howard E. Vander Clute, Jr., told the conference participants that "2 million is attainable this year and all of you have a role in reaching it."

"We need your total commitment and attention and we stand ready to assist you anywhere to achieve this goal." Membership Director W. Benny Bachand urged the Senior Vice Commanders to begin putting together their membership programs as soon as possible.

He also explained a variety of contests and prizes available for membership recruitment.

A key to membership growth, Post Development Director Joseph D. Ross said, is establishment of new Posts, which have accounted for 200,000 VFW members since 1965.

"We cannot have a negative attitude," he said. "We must think and act





**Western Conference Senior Vice Commanders:** First row, Washington Office Executive Director Cooper T. Holt, Adjutant Gen. Howard E. Vander Clute, Jr.; Sr. Vice Commander-in-Chief Billy Ray Cameron, Jr. Vice Commander-in-Chief John Staum, Quartermaster Gen. J.A. Cheatham and Robert Bell, Ore. Second row, Larry Longfellow, Mont.; Donald A. Esposito, Ariz.; Michael L. Sullivan, Pacific Areas; Norman Dan Smith, Kans.; Antonio Grijalva, N.M.; Robert Smith, Alaska; Ray Smith, Washington, and Arthur Streed, North Dakota. Third row, Donald E. Foley, Wyo.; Tony A. Wasinger, Colo.; Edward Stewart, Hawaii; Joseph F. Martin, Calif.; Donald B. Myers, Utah; and James Schimmels, Idaho. Not shown, Casper Keller, Nev., and John Flesher, Panama Canal.

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positive. New Posts give us membership strength."

Washington Office Executive Director Cooper T. Holt introduced National Security and Foreign Affairs Director Kenneth Steadman, Legislative Director Donald Schwab and National Veterans Service Director Frederico Juarbe, Jr., who discussed

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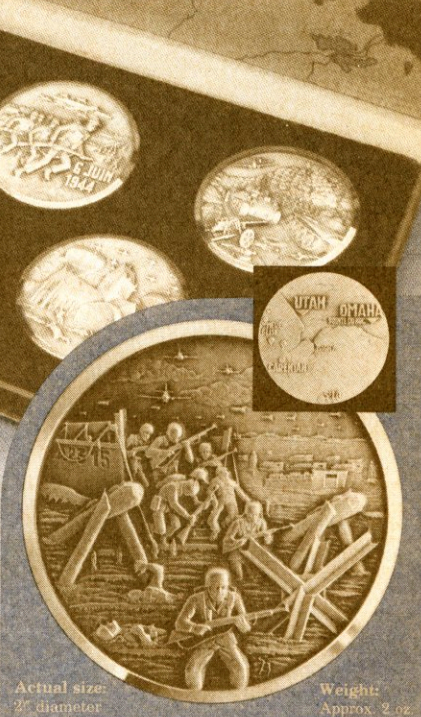
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# A Home of Its Own

# Post 7878

by Shelly Phillips

They'd been meeting in diners or apartment building community rooms, but Valley Forge Post 7878 in King of Prussia, Pa., never had a home of its own.

Although the Post began in 1960 and bought land in 1963, the group had just about decided to give up the Post by 1978 and give the land to the nearby Bridgeport Post.

Founding member George Damianov, 66, remembers saying "No! Let's build!" At that point, there was \$1,900 in the kitty.

"That's all right; that's plenty," he told the group. "All I have to do is start, get the footing in."

The 90 by 30-foot building was dedicated in March, although it's not scheduled to be completed until 1985. This was a dream that has become a reality during the last three years.

By themselves, the VFW members are building a home for their Post. There's no architect. There're no contractor. The loading, hauling, digging and building has been done by Post members with a steady commitment.

Work is done only when there's enough money to buy materials. The members disdain a mortgage; they don't want to owe anything to anybody.

During a visit to the long white stucco building, Damianov yanks down a set of skinny steps from the 10-foot ceiling, clambers into the storage space running 80 feet along the roof ridge, and grasps a wooden truss.

"This roof will never fall down," he says.

Then he backs down the ladder and strides over to a wall. "Feel that," he instructs a visitor. "Do you feel how warm that is?" And, even though the building has no heat except a wood stove at the far end, the insulated wall

feels much warmer than the 17-degree air outside.

This building is definitely sturdy. There's stucco, cinder block, styrofoam and fiberglass insulation. When there's enough money, a wooden parquet floor will cover the plywood.

Damianov didn't need a surveyor when he plotted off the building on the 26,000 square feet of VFW land. He simply marked off a 30-by-90-foot rectangle with a string.

Friends used a backhoe to grade the ground and dig the footing. For \$500 worth of cement, the footing was poured.

These men don't do big-ticket fundraising, but they do make money. One chilly day, they camped in front of the A & P to sell raffle tickets. That netted \$1,900. Another time, they sold tickets for a food bonanza, netting \$1,760. They made \$502 selling tickets for a Christmas basket of cheer.

Two members work extra, driving buses to the Atlantic City casinos; that

\$480 each month goes into the Post kitty.

After construction began in 1980, a pattern was set: raise some money, build some more. But after 10 months, the shell stood there, roofless.

Then the Post received a \$10,000 donation from one man. When the building is finished, there will be a memorial plaque to the man's brother, who was killed in Vietnam.

Thanks to that cash influx, Damianov and his crew could keep building. They bought plywood, roofing materials, and lumber; they built trusses on the floor. On Thanksgiving Day, 1982, the 61 trusses were lifted into place by a borrowed boom.

The donations poured in: they got

*Commander-in-Chief Clifford G. Olson, Jr., cuts the ribbon at the dedication of the home of Post 7878, Valley Forge, Pa., built by members themselves. With him are Post Sr. Vice Commander Andrew Andreyko, Department Commander Raymond Mullin and Post Commander Justin Mullin.*





fill from nearby highway work; they got modified gravel free and hauled it in borrowed trucks; they've been "borrowing" electricity from a nearby garage.

A bowling alley went out of business and gave them a lane. The men sawed the long shaft of wood into three pieces, hauled it to their building, and formed it into a 20-foot-long U-shaped bar. Underneath the bar stands a donated cooler.

Two thousand dollars worth of donated tile sits, waiting to be installed in the roughed-out bathrooms; a donated stainless-steel sink waits to be installed in the roughed-out kitchen.

Everything was done without blueprints. "I just planned it, but in my head it was there all along," said Damianov. I'd improvise. I kept working steady. Once you walk away from it, you never get done."

"What you saw there the first year wasn't much," he added, "but there's a group of us that wanted to finish it. It was like an accomplishment."

Damianov was a paratrooper with the 505th Parachute Regiment, 82nd Airborne Division. He jumped in Normandy, Sicily, Italy and Holland, earning four Purple Hearts.

Francis J. Rubert, president of the VFW Home Association, was on a submarine chaser during the Normandy invasion and on board a destroyer during the Korean War. He has just retired from driving public school buses full-time, and now drives private school buses part-time.

Rubert jokes that instead of the usual tank or artillery in front of VFW Posts, his black pickup truck should be mounted there.

"I've hauled just about everything in my truck," he says, "plywood, the bar, trusses, sand, cement."

An area builder speculated that a building like the VFW Post might easily cost \$150,000, if constructed with non-union labor.

Why would a group of men spend four years, working nights and weekends, to build a home for their Post? For many of the members, it's a matter of pride. "We are a Valley Forge post," says Damianov. "Our country started from Valley Forge."

Others have different reasons. Without families of their own, they have made the Post their family. Still others have made the building into a family activity. One man brings along his 12-

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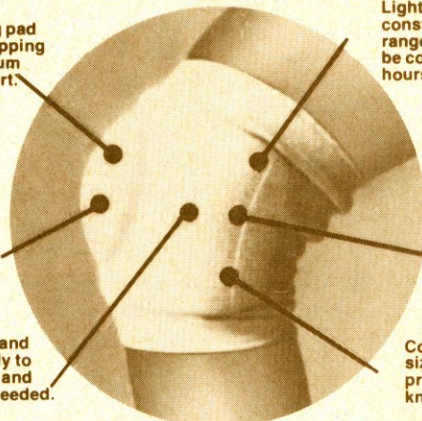
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# CHICAGO:

## Second City? Never!

By Charles W. Pratt

Windy City, Tool-Maker, City of the Big Shoulders: Chicago has come to accept most of the nicknames it has been given. But one description it doesn't like (and never will) is "second city," least of all third, as the Census Bureau would have you believe now. Chicago, that husky, toddlin' town in America's heartland strongly feels it is second to none.

Visitors to this vigorous metropolis on the shores of Lake Michigan will find the town has plenty of first-rate attractions to offer the Veterans of Foreign Wars and their families during the 85th National Convention, Aug. 17 to 24.

First, a bit of history. Three hundred years ago, the Indians called it "Checagou," or "place of the wild onion." The French were the first Europeans to put a settlement on the swampy area at the southwest end of gigantic Lake Michigan. Its vital location between the Great Lakes and the Mississippi River helped the settlement grow. Today Chicago is economically strong, ethnically diverse, politically "interesting," and culturally sophisticated. It long ago outgrew the characteristics of brawling, contentious past—its growing pains. Today Chicago has a stunning skyline, topnotch museums, excellent restaurants and a wide variety of shopping and entertainment opportunities.

It would take a library to catalog all of Chicago's offerings, so what follows is but a sampling of the city's charms and wares.

Blessed with an exciting lakefront location, Chicago is an attractive city, well worth looking at—well, maybe not in winter. In summertime its many beaches are crowded with joggers, sunbathers, swimmers and run-of-the-mill

lazybones. The best beaches (Oak Street, for instance) are convenient to the city center. There are also two excellent public parks. Grant Park (which includes the dazzling Buckingham Fountain) is good for walking and picnicking, but best for the many free summertime concerts. Long, lithe Lincoln Park has an excellent zoo (see the new ape house) and a lovely lagoon. But watch out for joggers!

One of Chicago's most pleasant summer activities is to take an automobile ride down Lake Shore Drive, gliding along with the lake to one side and an attractive architectural skyline on the other. A better view can be had from the water, and several companies offer boat tours of the lake and the Chicago River. Recommended.

Chicago is the birthplace of the skyscraper, and though many of the early designs by Adler and Sullivan have fallen victim to the wrecker's ball, contemporary cloudhuggers are stunning. The 110-story Sear's Tower, the world's tallest building, recently had a facelift for its rather prosaic entranceway, and still offers a long range view of the city (and a few neighboring states) from its 103rd floor observation deck, open from 9 a.m. to midnight every day.

The John Hancock Center (some call it the Darth Vader of Chicago architecture) on Michigan Avenue's "Magnificent Mile" is only 100 stories high (fifth tallest in the world) but its 94th floor observation deck (9 a.m. to midnight) offers thrilling views of the city. Go there at night, and combine sightseeing with a cocktail in the bar.

Getting back to earth, local sightseeing companies offer a number of guided bus tours at moderate prices. If you're pressed for time (or afraid of heights), the Chicago Tribune has a multimedia show in part of the city's historic Water Tower (one of the hand-

ful of buildings that escaped the Great Fire). The 63 projector, 70 mm visual extravaganza is called "Here's Chicago!" The shows (\$3.75 for adults) start every half hour, from 10:30 a.m. on, and last for an hour.

Museum and art buffs won't go lonely in Chicago. The Chicago Art Institute at Michigan and Adams is one of the world's pre-eminent galleries, with fine collections of modern, Impressionist, and Post-Impressionist art. Its collection of Oriental art is highly regarded, as are its photography section and the Thorn Rooms — a gallery of miniature period furniture in well-decorated, diminutive rooms. Admission is by honor system, though \$2.50 is the recommended donation for adults.

Some of Chicago's art is outside, including the Calder "Flamingo," a mural by Marc Chagall, and the puzzling Picasso statue in the plaza outside the Daley Center. There is also the Museum of Contemporary Art, and scads of private galleries.

South of the central city, the Loop, and north of McCormick Place, is a trio of celebrated museums. The Field Museum of Natural History has it all: stuffed elephants, dinosaur bones, millions of botanical and zoological samples. The Museum of Science and Industry, created during the Columbian Exhibition of 1892, has a "working" coal mine, a German U-boat and a host of technical exhibits. The John G. Shedd Aquarium is as swim with fish, thousands of denizens of salt and freshwater environments. The most fun occurs at feeding times, 11 a.m. and 2 p.m.

Chicago is a grand merchandising bazaar, with shops to suit every budget and taste. Venerable department stores, including Marshall Field & Co., the world's largest, and Carson, Pirie, Scott & Co., still do business on State



Street, erstwhile hub of the city's retail economy. Although both stores have been rehabilitated, upgraded and restored, and even though State Street has been turned into a pedestrian mall, this area is not as busy and active as it once was. Shoppers still are loyal to Fields and Carson, Pirie, Scott — Wieboldt's and Goldblatt's, too — but many consumers have moved north to the now-booming area on North Michigan Avenue. Here, glitzy new buildings and trendy, posh stores line the boulevard: I. Magnin, Nieman Marcus, Gucci, Bonwit Teller, Saks Fifth Avenue and by 1987 Bloomingdale's. A shopping showcase is Water Tower Place, 74 floors of shops, restaurants, and theaters encircling an eight-story atrium abounding in plants and waterfalls.

The grand old Merchandise Mart, built with Kennedy money, still dominates as a showroom for furniture buyers and a new Apparel Mart has sprung up nearby.

Chicagoans love to eat, and restaurants here cater to every taste and budget (even a McDonalds in Water Tower Place). From hot dog stands to *haut cuisine*, Chicago has it all. The renowned Blackhawk specializes in steaks, as does Lawry's. Carson's is justifiably famous for its ribs. Nick's Fishmarket is really too expensive for its seafood, so visitors will be advised to seek their fish at the marvelous Chestnut Street Grill in Water Tower Place or the venerable Cape Cod Room in the Drake Hotel. Both are moderately expensive.

Chinatown, near Cermak and Roosevelt Road, and Greektown, just west of the Loop are both overloaded with ethnic restaurants. For fine Italian cuisine, try the Italian Village in the Loop, or go south to Febo's.

For many years now, Chicago magazine's annual readers' poll of local restaurants has found a winner in the Berghoff, a German restaurant with a varied menu, fast service and efficient waiters. They have to be: the place is always busy. Try the beer house. It's superb.

After a hard day of convention activity, shopping, or sightseeing, entertainment will be on your mind — and Chicago will fill the bill.

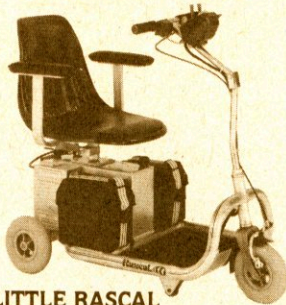
The city is no longer a jazz and blues mecca, but plenty of good music fills the air.

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## Normandy

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Because of the landing schedules and to avoid a large backup in the channel, some landing craft simply smashed through obstacles on the crowded beaches to unload their troops and equipment. Often the Germans held their fire until the crafts lowered their ramps and then blasted. One disintegrated under the impact.

On Omaha Beach that day three Americans earned the Medal of Honor.

They were Pvt. Carlton W. Barrett, of the 1st's 18th Infantry, and Lt. Jimmie W. Monteith, Jr., and T/5 John J. Pinder, both of the 16th and both posthumously honored.

Before noon, the Germans began coming out of their bunkers after heavy fire from the Texas and Arkansas and infantry assaults, as well as shelling from tanks and nine American destroyers, two French and one British. The troops began moving toward the Easy Red exits to St. Laurent where the Germans held out in strongpoints until about 4 p.m. Vierville was taken before noon. The Texas and the destroyers had pounded it. Colleville was cleaned out the next day after house-to-house fighting. By the end of the day, 34,000 troops and thousands of vehicles had come ashore.

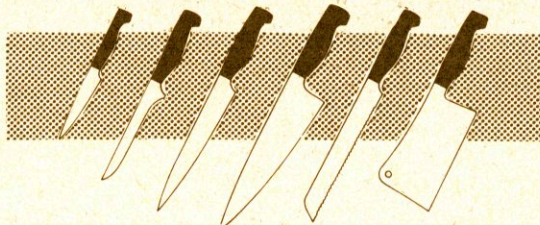
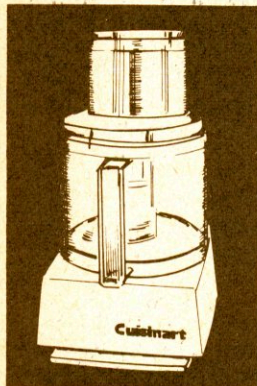
American casualties, according to figures compiled by Rep. G.V. (Sonny) Montgomery, who chairs the House Veterans Affairs Committee, totaled 1,465 killed, 3,184 wounded, 1,928 missing and 26 taken prisoner.

One disappointment to the landing forces was the lack of evidence of air bombardment. Minutes before the troops were to begin their assault, more than 400 8th Air Force bombers dropped more than 13,000 bombs, all three miles inland from the beaches. Because of overcast skies, dust and smoke from naval shelling and the danger to the troops, the bombers were told to wait 30 seconds before unloading their cargos. Many minefields were destroyed, the Germans said later.

Much of the Army's air activity on D-Day was devoted to isolating the beach area from German countermeasures and preventing the movement of German troops and supplies to it. After the opening bombing, 8th Air Force bombers carried out three major missions, one involved 1,264 heavies and the 9th Air Force Bomber Command sent out 1,011 aircraft. In addition, 2,065 9th Air Force fighter-bombers attacked. Eleven missions were for close cooperation with ground forces. British planes flew 2,489 sorties.

About 2:15 a.m., the German LXXIV Corps was alerted by the paratroopers' attacks, but the Germans thought the effort in the west was a diversion. They were convinced the main thrust would be in the Pas-de-Calais area to the east and the English Channel's narrowest point. They had been fooled also by fake reports of an army group massing there under Gen. George S. Patton, Jr.

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Included in the Utah Beach landings were eight LCTs carrying DDs. One LCT sank with its load, but 28 made the mile-long swim to the shore. They went into action 10 minutes after the first infantry wave of the 4th Division touched down.

The 20 landing crafts with the 4th's 8th Infantry reached the beach exactly on schedule accompanied by Theodore Roosevelt, Jr., a spare brigadier general who volunteered for the mission. Quickly, he began organizing mopping up teams and troops to push forward. He was awarded a posthumous Medal of Honor for his work after his death from a heart attack at Cherbourg a few weeks later.

For the 4th Division, the hand of the Almighty must have been at work that day when the troops drifted 2,000 yards to the east. The area where they were scheduled to land was enfiladed by two German batteries. Thus, casualties on Utah were light, 197. By 6 p.m., some 21,328 troops, 1,742 vehicles and 1,695 tons of supplies had been landed. The 1st Engineer Special Brigade blew wide gaps in the obstacles and seawall for the infantry and the 70th and 746th Tank Battalions to move on. By the first day they had advanced six miles and linked up with the paratroopers.

Off Utah Beach, with Royal Navy Seafires as spotters for the Navy's ships, plus 18 shore fire control parties, who also rendered fine service on Omaha, as well as nine paratroop Navy spotters with the 101st, the Shubrick, Herndon, Hobson, Butler, Fitch, the British Hawkins and the Dutch Soemba provided major fire support. One U.S. destroyer, the Correy, was sunk by a submerged mine, but the Fitch and Hobson picked up survivors. For the first time, the Nevada, which had been seriously damaged at Pearl Harbor, helped the paratroopers with 337 rounds from her 14-inch guns and 2,693 from the 5-inchers. The cruiser Tuscaloosa silenced a German gun firing at the Correy. The Quincy fired almost 7,000 rounds at the Germans on the Ste. Mere-Eglise-Carentan highway. The weather kept the German E-boats tied up and the Luftwaffe did not appear until the night of June 6, thanks to the 9th Air Force's IX Tactical Command.

When Hitler heard the news of the invasion, his face was radiant, German accounts say. "It's begun at last," he exulted. In less than 11 months Hitler would be a charred corpse outside a Berlin bunker, and with it his 1,000-year reich that lasted only 12.

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Jr. Vice Commander-in-Chief John Staum said the past year has been "the most exciting and momentous of my life, for I have met some of the best people in the world."

Quartermaster Gen. J.A. Cheatham said the VFW for the 22nd year has a budget surplus—currently more than \$8.8 million. He also discussed Life Membership and remodeling projects at VFW National Headquarters in Kansas City.

## Jobs For Veterans

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last for at least six months, but the maximum training period depends on the individual veteran: 15 months for veterans with 30% or more service-connected disability; 15 months for veterans with 10 or 20% disability and a serious employment handicap, and nine months for other eligible veterans.

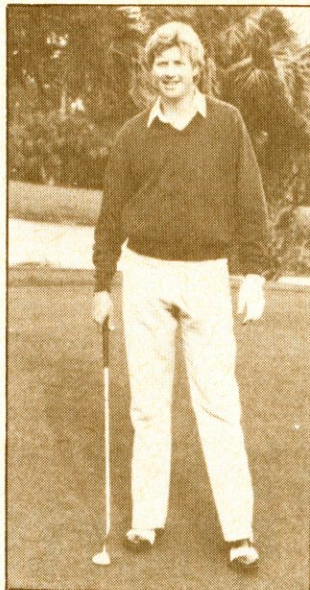
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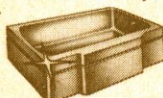
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## Hall of Honor

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Jazz is the thing at Andy's, 11 E. Hubbard, a hangout for Chicago's ace jazz musicians before they go off to play their regular gigs elsewhere. The place is usually open, therefore, from about 5 to 8 p.m. The Bulls, a cavern-like club on N. Lincoln Park, is a pleasant enough place for food and local jazz groups. Orphans, on Lincoln Avenue, just across from the famed Biograph Theater, where John Dillinger was shot, is another place for jazz, blues, and folk music.

More upscale is George's, 230 W. Kinzie, owned by one of the city's top restaurateurs, George Badonsky. Eat at his fine but pricey Tango or Bastille restaurants. The decor is cool and sophisticated, befitting a trendy supperclub. Dinner and drink prices match the decor. Shows start at 9:45. Covers can range anywhere from \$5. to \$10 with a two-drink minimum, but it's worth it for a night on the town.

You don't think so? Then go for Manhattan, 945 Rush Street, an art deco jazz club without cover or minimum. There's a restaurant too.

But the city's showcase jazz parlor is Rick's Cafe Americain, decorated like Humphrey Bogart's Casablanca saloon, wicker chairs and all.

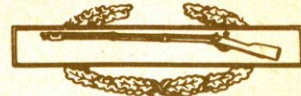
The city's classy Ambassador East Hotel houses Byfield's, a real cabaret type place that features acts ranging from comedians to musicians, mostly local. It's worth a visit.

Another ambitious restaurateur, Arnie Morton, has even created a Paris-style review called "Shecago," though much has been lost in the translation — and much has been gained in the \$17.50 cover charge. It's at 1050 N. State.

Piano bars abound, from the seedy to the sublime. Most are good values, and here are a few favorites, mostly jazz: Coq d'Or Lounge in the Drake Hotel, Lion Bar in the Westin, the Bar in the Ritz Carlton, Limehouse Pub in the Knickerbocker Hotel, Lobby Lounge of the Mayfair Regent, the Den in the Palmer House. Try also Cricket's, Yvette's bar, and the Pump Room, where Nat King Cole's brother Ike holds forth most evenings.

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**Air Transport Command (Hickam Field, 1944)**—Seeking persons who knew me as flight engineer and crew chief and remember paint removal with carbon tetrachloride.—T/Sgt. Robert F. Burns, c/o Veterans Office, Court House, Columbus, NE 68601.

**Lake Charles, La., AFB (Oct. 1956-Jan. 1957)**—Seeking anyone who remembers my motorcycle wreck while on leave; accident appeared in papers; I was unconscious for seven days.—Paul D. Foreman, Jr., 118 N Washington St., Winchester, VA 22601.

**19th Tactical Air Command, 932d Sig. Bn. (SEP), Co. A (France, summer of 1944)**—Seeking anyone with knowledge of truck accident in middle of France.—MSgt. Roy J. Desautel, 1410 N Dean Rd. 13, Orlando, FL 32817.

**1111th QM, 42d Supply Sqdn. (WW II)**—Seeking Capt. Frank Ellig, Lts. Carl E. Sanders and DeBakey, and Lee D. Smith, John Fowler, Eugene Murray and anyone knowing of my high blood pressure, heart condition or back injury suffered in vehicle accident.—Samuel D. Land, 14115 Highway 21, Rt. 1, Orofino, ID 83544.

**2024th QM Trk. Co. (AVN) (England, 1943-45)**—Seeking Clarence S. Perkins who was with me at the time of an incident for which he and I were cited for a commendation and who will remember me falling from truck.—Alton S. Butler, Sr., 42 Wellington St., East Providence, RI 02914.

**8th Bomb. Sqdn. (Nov. 1950-Aug. 1953)**—Seeking Donald Nelson (Albert Lea, Minn.), Floyd Higgins (Tulsa), David George and Eddie Barnett (both from Mo.) in claim for widow of Melvin J. Stoltz (Wis.).—Jorge Luis Fuentes, POB 101, Dodgeville, WI 53533.

**98th Sta. Com. Sqdn. & 195th Gen. Hosp. (Salisbury, England, 1944)**—Seeking Sam Beach and others knowing of my motorcycle accident, back injury and hospitalization.—Alois A. Mendenhall, 908 Spruce Ave., Alamogordo, NM 88310.

## ALL BRANCHES

**Army & Navy Hosp., Hot Springs, Ark. (June 2-Oct. 1, 1947)**—Seeking anyone who remembers me being treated for

hepatitis.—Sgt. Roy D. Brown, 106 Madonna Dr., Paragould, AR 72450.

**Labor Camp in Germany or Czechoslovakia (March 1, 1945)**—Seeking Rudy Chesmet, Joe Kaiser, Mangum who escaped with me, were recaptured and placed in solitary confinement for 18 days.—Larry Red Arrington, Rt. 4 Box 6335, Citra, FL 32627.

## ARMY

**834th AAA, Btry. A (Okinawa, Apr. 17, 1944-Oct. 30, 1945)**—Seeking Capt. Gilman, Sgt. Barga, Cpl. Miles; buddy in distress.—Edgar H. Wallenbeck, 681 Gravel Rd., Webster, NY 14580.

**84th Ord. Co., HQ (Finch Haven, New Guinea, 1942-45)**—Seeking Ernest Kubert.—Andrew Gibas, Sr., 506 Literary Rd., Cleveland, OH 44113.

**Ft. Bragg, N.C. to Camp Desert Rock, Nev. (May 13, 1953)**—Need to hear from Sgt. Billy V. Greer, Cpls. Thomas N. Morgan, Douglas D. Lawrence and Ray Beshears, whose names appeared in morning report from Camp Desert Rock.—Henry J. Mandella, 3225 N Acadian W, Baton Rouge, LA 70805.

**25th Inf. Div., 25th QM (Korea, 1951-52)**—Seeking anyone who remembers me, esp. Lt. Harter (Mobile, Ala.), James O. Surret (Nashville, Tenn.), William Williams (Pa.), Fitzgerald (Va.) and Coons (Mo.).—John E. (Steve) Stevens, POB K, Homosassa Springs, FL 32647.

**324th Inf., Co. C (Austria-Germany, 194-45)**—Seeking anyone who remembers my being treated for shell shock and deafness in field unit evac area; awarded Bronze Star by CO, Capt. Lucas.—Joe R. Hoffman, POB 1444, Alamogordo, NM 88310.

**92d AFA Bn., HQ Btry., FDC (Korea, winter of 1951-52)**—Seeking anyone in unit who knew me.—Daniel G. Harris, 570 5th St., POB 34, Bennett, CO 80102.

**61st Inf. Trng. Rgt., C 197, Co. C (Training cycle Feb. 5-June 2, 1945)**—Seeking Mike Plaso (Que Creek, Pa.), John B. Martin, John B. Pavlic, Walter Plopi, Joseph B. Maglicco, Frank Pfau, Joseph S. Palikowski, C.A. Cromer, Rance F. Plyer, C.P. Phipp and Capt. George E. Pollock.—Alfred A. Pistilli, RD 2 Box 349, Ridgway, PA 15853.

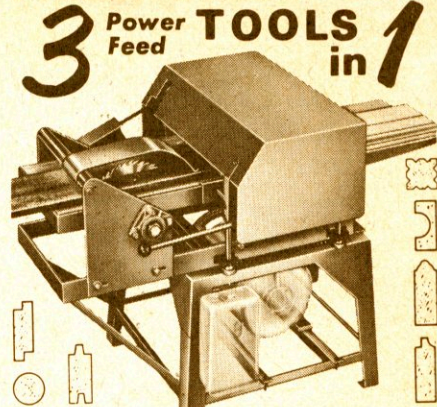
**590th Sig. Constr. Co. (Korea, 1950-51)**—Seeking anyone who served with me and remembers my back injury; captain who sent me to field evac hospital.—Mosell (Tommy) Tomlinson, Jr., 115 N Treve St., Nokomis, FL 33555.

**35th Inf. Rgt., Co. C (Korea, spring of 1951)**—Seeking anyone who remembers injury to my left hand caused by anti-personnel trip flare exploding while I was disarming it; incident occurred while occupying defensive line Lincoln.—James F. Waters, 4021 W Ave. 43, Los Angeles, CA 90041.

**666th AAA Abn. (North Africa, CBI) & 20th Gen Hosp. (Ledo, India) (1943-45)**—Seeking anyone who remembers me.—Claude R. Pfeffer, 10664 Buchanan Trail E, Waynesboro, PA 17268.

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 (Boston, Mass.), Sgt. Lockett (Pittsburgh, Pa.), company clerk  
 Sashering (Miss.) and anyone else who remembers my back  
 ailment resulting from truck accident in Calif.—Odessa Winn,  
 84 Somerset St., Newark, NJ 07108.

**173d Abn. Bde., 3/503d Inf. (Vietnam, 1967-68)**—Seeking  
 anyone who remembers me.—SP4 Lindsey Parker, c/o Lionel  
 Vaillancourt, Dept. Svc. Officer, Norris Cotton Fed. Bldg., VARO,  
 275 Chestnut St., Manchester, NH 03103.

**11th Abn. Div., Div. HQ, Chemical Warfare Office (Feb.  
 1943-Nov. 1945)**—Seeking anyone who remembers my having  
 trouble running and unable to complete forced marches with  
 full field pack.—Clarence Steve Rouse, 14136 Morelli Lane,  
 Sebastopol, CA 95472.

**196th Lt. Inf. Bde., 2/1st Inf., Co. C (Tay-Ninh, Vietnam,  
 July 1966-May 1967)**—Seeking Tom White, Joe Steiner, Roy  
 Giordano, John Handerman, Tony Bonassisa, Clyde Dunn,  
 Hank Sheehan, Gerry Lake, Ken Mills, John Mulvene, Bill Evans  
 and anyone else who remembers my red eyes condition.—Mike  
 Halpin, 198 Smithtown Polk Blvd., Centereach, NY 11720.

**25th Inf. Div., 27th Inf. Rgt., Co. F (Schofield Barracks,  
 Hawaii, 1940-41)**—Seeking anyone who knew my father,  
 Thomas R. Hooks, Jr. (Shawmut, Ala.)—Thomas R. Hooks, III,  
 8226 5th Ave. N., Birmingham, AL 35206.

**25th Inf. Div., 25th Sig. Co. (1941-43)**—Seeking William F.  
 Ambrose (Pittsburgh), Julian C. Hall (Charlotte, N.C.), Winford  
 E. Moss (Spartanburg, S.C.), Willard C. Odell (Wayzata, Minn.),  
 Jack Crawford (Yuma, Ariz.), William Fox (Reno, Nev.) and  
 anyone else remembers wounds my father received in action  
 at Guadalcanal or during New Georgia Islands Campaign;  
 father was Thomas R. Hooks, Jr., Shawmut, Ala.—Thomas R.  
 Hooks, III, 8226 5th Ave. N., Birmingham, AL 35206.

**Fitzsimmons General Hospital (Denver, Dec. 7, 1943-May  
 9, 1944)**—Seeking anyone who remembers my father, Thomas  
 R. Hooks, Jr. (Shawmut, Ala.), who was hospitalized prior to  
 discharge.—Thomas R. Hooks, III, 8226 5th Ave. N., Birming-  
 ham, AL 35206.

**USASAFS, HHC (Korea, 1975)**—Seeking anyone who  
 served with me and knew of my problems.—Arthur Rydel,  
 1369 Omaha Rd., North Brunswick, NJ 08902.

**155th Bn. (Camp Hood, Texas, late 1944)**—Seeking anyone  
 who remembers me being hit by a truck and I, in turn,  
 knocking down a column of men just after dawn.—Bernard L.  
 Sadoski, 4648 286th St., Toldedo, OH 43611.

**4th Army Area, 322d Tank Bn., Co. C (Wiesbaden,  
 Germany, 1952)**—Widow seeking anyone with knowledge of  
 William Earl Shelton being in hospital.—Richard Welsh, POB  
 631, Mesilla Park, NM 88047.

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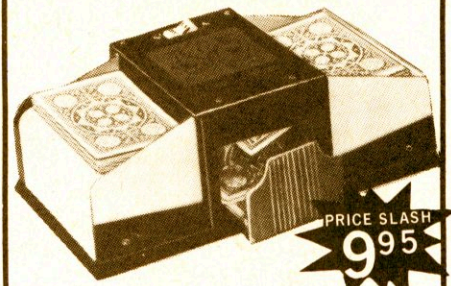
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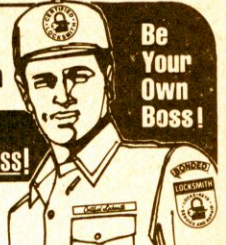
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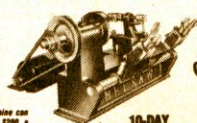
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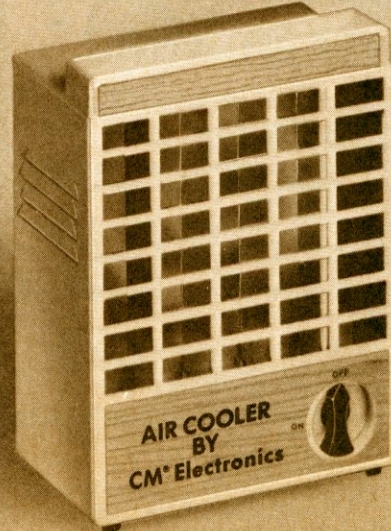
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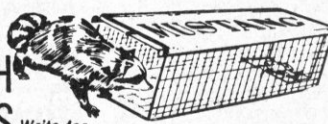
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### June

63d and 64th TC Sqdns., 403d TC Grp.—25-27, Denver—George Knight, POB 1256, Wildwood, FL 32785.  
919th EAMC—23-24, Ft. Wayne, Ind.—Kurt Stewart, 9810 Circlewood Dr., Ft. Wayne, IN 46804.  
Navigators, Class of 42-7, Mather Field—12-16, Little Rock, Ark.—Mitchell Joseph, 328 22d Ave. S, Birmingham, AL 35205.

### July

33d Trp. Carrier Sqdn., 374th Trp. Carrier Grp.—19-22, Denver—Earl Kohler, 3361 S Fairfax St., Denver, CO 80222.  
304th Ftr. Sqdn. Assn.—18-22, Dayton, Ohio—Tracy Little, 3011 Westover St., Shreveport, LA 71108.  
401st Ftr. Sqdn., 370th Ftr. Grp.—26-28, La Grange, Ky.—William Heines, RD 2 Box 188, Troy, PA 16947.  
623d AC & W Sqdn. (1950-51)—7-9, Colorado Springs, Colo.—Robert L. Davis, 861 W Clifford Lk, Stanton, MI 48888.  
832d Avn. Engrs.—27-29, Baltimore—William Kratz, 5 Chickadee Dr., Terre Haute, IN 47803.  
6147th Tac. Con. Gp. (Korea)—12, Orlando, Fla.—Sidney Johnston, Jr., 6909 Rosewood Rd. NE, Albuquerque, NM 87111.

### August

28th Photo. Recon. Sqdn. (WW II)—19-22, Colorado Springs, Colo.—Ray (Skip) Ott, 24 High Acres Rd., Ansonia, CT 06401.  
62d Trp. Carrier Grp. (WW II)—8-10—Bill Whitehead, Rt. 2 Box 272A, Kimberly, ID 83341.  
78th Ftr. Sqdn., 15th Ftr. Grp. (WW II)—3-5—Clyde Mortensen, POB 82, Hartland, WI 53029.  
82d Ftr. Grp.—30 Sept. 2, Denver—Ralph Embrey, 7865 E Miss Ave., Denver, CO 80231.  
369th Ftr. Sqdn. Assn., 359th Ftr. Grp. (WW II)—9-12, Chicago—Anthony Chardella, 105 Mohawk Trail Dr., Pittsburgh, PA 15235.  
453d Bomb. Sqdn., 323d Bomb. Grp. (WW II)—31 Sept. 3, Rancho Cordova, Calif.—C.V. Shochok, 1314 N Brookfield St., South Bend, IN 46620.  
505th Bomb. Grp. (VH), 1313th Bomb. Wing (Tinian, 1944-45)—31 Sept. 2, Dayton, Ohio—William Gibson, 5214 Pierce Ave., Ogden, UT 84403.  
3310th Food Svc. Sqdn., 3310th ABG (ATRC) (Scott AFB, Ill., 1948-49)—Peoria, Ill.—Jake Tennant, 814 E Hines Ave., Peoria Heights, IL 61614.  
3912th Air Base Sqdn. (RAF Station Wyton, Huntington, Eng., 1950-53)—3-8, Memphis—Bill Parkhurst, POB 2881, Tulsa, OK 74101.  
Bombardiers Alumni Assn.—15-19, Nashville, Tenn.—Ken Ross, POB 15891, Nashville, TN 37215.  
Bombardier Class 43-7, Childress, Texas—15-19, Nashville, Tenn.—John Woodley, 819 Bryne Dr., Montgomery, AL 36111.  
Night Fighters (P-61 Sqdns.) (WW II)—30 Sept. 3, Long Beach, Calif.—Walter Snyder, 23425 B Anza Ave., Torrance, CA.

### September

1st Strat. Air Depot (Honington, Eng., 1942-45)—20-23, Colorado Springs, Colo.—Warren Stanley, 3207 Myles Court 3, San Jose, CA 95117.  
3d Staff Sqdn. (Sherman Field)—7-9, Leavenworth, Kans.—Roscoe Swenson, 2053 Highland Ave., Salina, KS 67401.  
6th Svc. Sqdn., 443d Sub Depot (Langley Field, Va. & ETO)—14-16, McHenry, Md.—Fred Tichnell, 136 Darby St., Wilmington, NC 28403.  
12th Observation, Tac. Recon., Photo. Sqdn.—27-29, Nashville, Tenn.—David Sopko, 3644 Irma Ave., Youngstown, OH 44502.  
14th AF Assn., Inc.—13-16, Mackinac Island, Mich.—Jack Hild, 2130 Iroquois Ave., Detroit, MI 48214.  
33d Air Depot Grp.—7-8, Dayton, Ohio—Herbert Cooper, 435 Walnut St., Linwood Park, Vermillion, OH 44089.  
70th Svc. Sqdn. (WW II)—26-30, Washington, D.C.—Carl Joost, 620 SE 42d St., Topeka, KS 66609.  
316th Trp. Carrier Grp.—27-29, Colorado Springs, Colo.—W. Washburn, 6510 Arequa Ridge Lane, Colorado Springs, CO 80919.  
447th Sub Depot, 351st BG (Station 110 Polebrook, Northampton, Eng., WW II)—20-23, Gettysburg, Pa.—F.H. Larsen, POB 1, Yalaha, FL 32797.  
868th & 63d Bomb. Sqdns. (WW II)—20-22, Arlington, Va.—Vince Plane, 2676 Blanding Blvd., Middleburg, FL 32068.

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**Class 42-A, Brooks Field Assn.**—13-17, Reno, Nev.—Clarence Becker, 5000 Lakeridge Dr., Reno, NV 89509.

## October

**1st Aircraft Repair Unit (Floating)**—12-14, Mobile, Ala.—William J. McElhinny, 209 N Linden Dr., Buffalo, NY 14221.  
**18th Trp. Carrier Sqdn., 64th Trp. Carrier Grp.**—11-14, New York—Al Rubin, 168-04 19th Ave., Whitestone, NY 11357.  
**4th Strategic Air Depot (Wattisham-Hitcham, England, WW II)**—3-7, Los Angeles, Calif.—4th SAD Assn., POB 196, Henrietta, NY 14467.  
**13th Bomb. Sqdn. (WW II)**—5-7, Dayton, Ohio—J. Randy Forrester, 8275 Taffy Dr., West Chester, OH 45069.  
**27th Bomb. Grp. (L)**—12-14, Montgomery, Ala.—Charles Grp. Cook, 3822 Cumberland Way, Lithonia, GA 30058.  
**27th Ftr. Bomb. Grp. Assn. (WW II)**—19-21, Scottsdale, (WW Ariz.)—Bulldog Smith, 4449 Charlotte Ann Dr., Louisville, KY 40218, Atlanta, Ga.—W.R. Bomar, 1706 Niskey Lake Trail 3 32d Troop Carrier Sqdn., 314th Troop Carrier SW, Atlanta, GA 30331.  
**49th Svc. Sqdn., 374th Svc. Sqdn. & HQ Sqdn., 36th Svc. Grp.**—4-6, Hershey, Pa.—Mack H. Grass, 2236 Kern St., Charlotte, NC 28208.  
**70th Ftr. Sqdn., 18th & 347th Ftr. Grps. (WW II)**—4-7, Oklahoma City—Ray Hilburn, 1610 Anita St., Bossier City, LA 71112.  
**301st Troop Carrier Sqdn., 441st Troop Carrier Grp. (WW II)**—18-20, Kansas City, Mo.—Howard Thompson, 421 Highland, Lee's Summit, MO 64063.  
**306th Bomb. Grp. (Thurleigh, England, 1942-45)**—25-27, Ft. Worth, Texas—Reginald L. Robinson, POB 16917, Ft. Worth, TX 76162.  
**315th Bomb. Wing (VH)**—4-6, Cocoa Beach, Fla.—George E. Harrington, 4600 Ocean Beach Blvd., Apt. 505, Cocoa Beach, FL 32931.  
**315th Troop Carrier Grp. (WW II)**—4-6, San Francisco, Calif.—Robert L. Cloer, 1417 Valley View Dr., Yuba City, CA 95991.  
**325th Photo Wing (Rcn)(High Wycombe, England) & 942d Engr. Avn. Topo. Bn.**—3-7, Los Angeles, Calif.—Bob Des Granges, 165 Arroya Pinion Dr., Sedona, AZ 86336.  
**364th Ftr. Grp. Assn.**—11-14, San Antonio, Texas—Chelius H. Carter, 9730 Evander Rd., Millington, TN 38053.  
**381st Bomb. Grp. (H)(Ridgewell, Eng., 1943-45)**—4-7, Colorado Springs, Colo.—T. Paxton Sherwood, 515 Woodland View Dr., York, PA 17402.  
**384th Bomb. Grp. Inc. (WW II)**—11-14, San Antonio, Texas—384th BG, POB 1021-A, Rahway, NJ 07065.  
**452d Bomb. Grp. (H)(England, WW II)**—20-23, Reno, Nev.—Rom Blaylock, POB 2526, New Bern, NC 28561.  
**455th Bomb. Sqdn., 323d Bomb. Grp. (WW II)**—4-7, Colorado Springs, Colo.—Howard Kaiser, 3110 Spring Meadow Dr., Colorado Springs, CO 80900.  
**461st Air Svc. Sqdn. (WW II)**—4-7, Philadelphia, Pa.—Robert Mercel, 159 Trionfo Ave., North Port, FL 33596.  
**467th Bomb. Grp., 2d Air Div. Assn.**—4-7, Palm Springs, Calif.—Adam Soccio, 357 Midland Ave., Garfield, NJ 07026.  
**526th Ftr. Sqdn., 86th Ftr. Bomb. Grp.**—5-7, Colorado Springs, Colo.—G.W. Knecht, 4638 S Maplewood, Tulsa, OK 74135.  
**805th Avn. Engr. Bn.**—12-14, Louisville, Ky.—James A. Tingle, POB 511, Ghent, KY 41045.  
**867th Guard Sqdn. (Lowry Field, Colo., WW II)**—Orlando, Fla.—Thomas Wilson, 1251 Morgana Rd., Jacksonville, FL 32211.  
**Air Resupply & Communications Assn., 580th, 581st & 582d Wings (1951-56)**—12-15, San Antonio, Texas—Fred Hack, 33 Dinsmore Ave., Framingham, MA 01701.  
**S/Sgt. Pilots**—10-14, San Antonio, Texas—Robert Pace, 126 Sherri, Universal City, TX 78148.

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## July

**Allied Armored Force Amateur Radio Nationwide Emergency Team (AFAR Net)**—28, Canadagua, N.Y.—Harry B. Thomsen, 348 Jefferson Ave., Apt. 15, Canadagua, NY 14424.  
**Armed Forces Retired Enlisted Assn.**—19-21, Las Vegas—TREA, POB 50584, Washington, D.C. 20004.  
**Gulf Coast Military Academy Alumni Assn.**—26-29, Biloxi, Miss.—George Bullard, 5507 Kendall Ave., Gulfport, MS 39501.  
**Korean POW Assn.**—26-30, Memphis—Randall Briere, 4801 Goldfield 163, San Antonio, TX 78218.

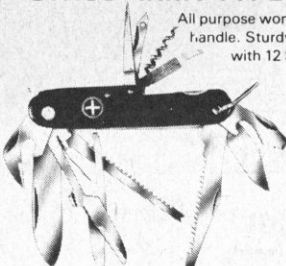
## August

**Amputees of WW II, McCloskey Gen. Hosp., Temple, Texas**—10-12, Louisville, Ky.—Orville Martin, 2510 Hayward Rd., Louisville, KY 40222.  
**Bombardiers Alumni Assn. (WW II)**—15-19, Nashville, Tenn.—Bill Burmester, 485 Lincoln Ave., Mount Vernon, NY 10552.  
**China-Burma-India Assn.**—4-9, San Antonio, Texas—Luther Worth, 303 Readwell Dr., San Antonio, TX 78220.  
**Guadalcanal Campaign Vets**—3-5, Kalamazoo, Mich.—Gene Keller, 4043 Standish, Kalamazoo, MI 49008.  
**Hump Pilots Assn., Inc. (WW II)**—30-Sept. 2, Columbus, Ohio—Robert Gillespie, 736 Lincoln Ave. 303, Alameda, CA 94501.  
**Parachute Riggers**—23-25, Lakehurst, N.J.—PRC M.A. Trugler, Naval Air Technical Training Center, Lakehurst, NJ 08733.  
**Survivors of Bataan and Corregidor & other Far East POWs**—26-29, Fontana Dam, N.C.—Wayne Carringer, POB 46, Robbinsville, NC 28771.

## September

**Roswell Army Air Field, Walker AFB Veterans Assn.**—28-30, Roswell, N.M.—RAAF Veterans Assn., POB 1023, Roswell, NM 88201.  
**Class 43-G, Williams Field, Ariz.**—26-30, Colorado Springs, Colo.—Earvie (Bud) Cloyd, 4236 N 34th Pl., Phoenix, AZ 85018.

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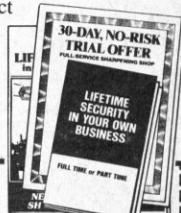
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**85th DRS**—11-13, Chattanooga, Tenn.—Earl Huskey, 1300 Bennett Ave., Chattanooga, TN 37404.

**Ex-POW's of Oflag 64 (Schubert, Poland, WW II)**—12-14, Las Vegas, Nev.—Alan Dunbar, 4675 Green Canyon Dr., Las Vegas, NV 89103.

## ARMY

## June

**33d and 37th Inf. Divs., 129th Inf. Rgt., Co. M (WW II)**—24, Rock Falls, Ill.—Tom Walker, 422 Prospect Pl., Kewanee, IL 61443.

**37th Div., 129th Inf., Co. I**—16, Crystal Lake, Ill.—Earl Rasmussen, Hwy. 20 Rt. 2, Alamo, TN 38001.

**64th Sig. Ogn. Bn., 3122th Sig. Svc. Bn. & 250th Sig. Svc. Co.**—23, Bethlehem, Pa.—Delbert Wade, 1716 Hazel Ave., Bristol, PA 19007.

**148th FA Bn.**—15-16, Coeur d'Alene, Idaho—Elmer Rose-nau, 101 Haycraft Ave., Coeur d'Alene, ID 83814.

**241st CA (WW II) 2d Bn., HQ, D, G, E & M Btys. (Harbor Defenses of Boston)**—9, Hull, Mass.—Robert Wild, 228 Thousand Oaks Dr., Brewster, MA 02631.

**250th FA Bn. (WW II)**—22-23, Hot Springs, Ark.—Milton Broussard, 108 Felecie Dr., Lafayette, LA 70506.

**448th AAA AW Bn. (WW II)**—21-23, Columbus, Ohio—James Egem, 40936 N Prairie Ave., Antioch, IL 60002.

**3409th Ord. MAM Co.**—23-24—Robert Quigley, 3520 Sham-lem Colony Trail, Las Cruces, NM 88005.

## July

**3d Div., 3d Amphib. Tractor Bn., Co. A (WW II)**—29-31, Appleton, Wis.—John (Sadie) Hawkins, 2451 N US 27, Tekon-sha, WI 49092.

**11th Abn. Div., 472d FA Bn.**—25-28, Columbus, Ohio—Julian Panek, 3334 Demmler St., McKeesport, PA 15130.

**31st Inf. Div., 155th Inf. Rgt., Co. E**—22, Cleveland, Miss.—George T. Kelly, PO Drawer 369, Cleveland, MS 38732.

**35th Div., 134th Inf., Co. D (WW II)**—13-15, North Platte, Neb.—Merle Rose, 1720 West A, North Platte, NE 69101.

**50th Engr. (C) Bn., Co. A**—20-22, Lake Placid, N.Y.—John F. Dodds, Wolcott Rd., North Rose, NY 14516.

**52d Engr., Co. C**—7, Wheeling, W.Va.—James Kirksey, POB 292, Colerain, OH 43916.

**65th Sig. Bn.**—26-28, Owensboro, Ky.—T.E. Spear, POB 8, Burkesville, KY 42717.

**75th Inf. Div. Veterans Assn.**—26-29, Baltimore—James Warmouth, 6545 W 11th St., Indianapolis, IN 46224.

**77th FA, 2d Bn./631st FA**—20-22, Athens, Texas—Jess Smith, RR 1 Box 155, Blanco, TX 78606.

**85th Inf. Div., 329th FA Bn., Btry. C (WW II)**—16-22, Lake George, N.Y.—Charles Metz, 234 Eastholm Rd., Schenectady, NY 12304.

**99th Inf. Div.**—19-21, St. Louis—Mike Rosul, 2259 W 67th

St., Cleveland, OH 44102.

**121st Sta. Hosp. (USA & ETO, WW II)**—27-29, St. Louis—Arthur Stratton, 5205 Vandebloom Rd., Kansasville, WI 53139.

**142d Inf. Rgt., Co. G**—13-15, Delaware, Ohio—Jay Skinner, 2503 Skinner Rd., Delaware, OH 43015.

**197th AAA (AW) Bn.**—25-28, St. Louis—Jacob Schmidt, 7676 Hwy. 61-E, Barnhart, MO 64012.

**229th AAA S/L Bn.**—26-29, LaCross, Wis.—Phil Thurston, Apt. 810 Windsor Tower, 5 Tudor City Place, New York, NY 10017.

**274th AFA Bn.**—13-14, Cleveland—Hugo Klug, 91 Sanford St., Painesville, OH 44077.

**282d Engr. Combat Bn., Co. B (WW II)**—1, Dublin, Ohio—George Headlee, 7340 Brand Rd., Dublin, OH 43017.

**352d Ord. Maint. Co. (AA) (WW II)**—26-28, Indianapolis—Omer McGee, 8426 Mandan Ct., Indianapolis, IN 46217.

**478th AAA AW Bn. Assn.**—25-29, Pittsburgh—Henry Clay-man, 3720 Brenbrook Dr., Randallstown, MD 21133.

**573d AAA AW Bn.**—27-28, Benton Harbor, Mich.—Art Eichler, 591 E Glenford Rd., St. Joseph, MI 49085.

**574th SAW Bn. (WW II)**—18-19, St. Louis—Chuck McGaf-fin, San Mateo Rd., San Mateo, FL 32088.

**777th AAA AW Bn.**—24-29, Dearborn, Mich.—G. Von Kan-tor, 29 Campbell St., New Hyde Park, NY 11040.

**991st Ord. HMTK**—28-29, Waldorf, Md.—Maurice Wells, 9920 Williamsburg Dr., Upper Marlboro, MD 20772.

## August

**1st Cav. Div. Assn.**—2-5, El Paso, Texas—Joseph Aiello, 314 Palisade Ave., Cliffside Park, NJ 07010.

**2d Armd. Div., 48th Med. Bn. (1950-52)**—3-5, Great Bend, Kans.—Albert Unruh, Sr., 1909 Polk, Great Bend, KS 67530.

**3d Armd. Div., Supply Bn., Co. A**—18-19, Atchison, Kans.—Lewis Shockey, 209 E Riley, Atchison, KS 66002.

**5th Armd. Div.**—27-29, Verdi, Nev.—Jack Mallory, 26 S Vol-land, Kennewick, WA 99336.

**6th Div., 1st Inf., Svc. Co. (WW II)**—10-12, Saginaw, Mich.—Carl Kindt, 2426 N Clinton, Saginaw, MI 48602.

**9th Armd. Engr. Assn. (WW II)**—Denver—J. Knittel, 2960 Ingalls St., Denver, CO 80214.

**9th Ord. Co.**—2-5, Harrisburg, Pa.—Clyde Mungall, 1717 Outlook Dr., Verona, PA 15147.

**16th Evac. Hosp.**—31-Sept. 2, Ann Arbor, Mich.—Mrs. Harold Church, 52 Leitch Ave., Skaneateles, NY 13152.

**17th Abn. Div.**—9-12, St. Charles, Ill.—Edward Siergieje, 62 Forty Acre Mountain Rd., Danbury, CT 06811.

**20th, 1340th and 1171st Combat Engr. Bns. (WW II)**—10-11, Towson, Md.—George Rankin, 46 Paerregat 13th St., Brook-lyn, NY 11236.

**34th Div., 135th Inf., Co. E (WW II)**—11-12—Melvin Mix, 118 Emily St., Jackson, MN 56143.

**40th Combat Engr. National Assn.**—30-Sept. 1, Golden, Colo.—George Weiler, Jr., 1753 Tamarack St., South Milwau-kee, WI 53172.

**44th Inf. Div., 156th FA Bn.**—31-Sept. 3, Chicago—Edward B. Kubash, 4465 Red Arrow Hwy., Stevensville, MI 49127.

**50th Engr. Combat Co. D (WW II)**—8-9, New Ulm, Minn.—

Victor Braun, Rt. 2 Box 52, New Ulm, MN 56073.

**54th Med. Bn., Co. A**—16-18, Hannibal, Mo.—Roy Hoekstra, RR 1 Box 32, Barnesville, MN 56514.

**85th Div., 338th Inf., Co. E**—4-6, St. Louis—William Ger-ish, Rt. 1 Box 184, Patoka, IL 62875.

**94th Sig. Bn. Assn.**—31-Sept. 3, Memphis—Earl Bennetts, 1913 Grovehaven Dr., Memphis, TN 38116.

**95th Inf. Div. Assn.**—16-19, Las Vegas—Charles Goodell, 401 Scott St., Elmhurst, IL 60126.

**101st AAA Gun Bn. (90 mm)**—11, Waynesboro, Ga.—Tracy Carter, 205 11th St., Waynesboro, GA 30380.

**138th & 198th FA Bns. Assn.**—10-12, Louisville, Ky.—Lynn Raque, 3733 Mamaroneck Rd., Louisville, KY 40218.

**185th Rgt., Anti-tank (WW II)**—Williamsburg, Iowa—Ray-mond Britten, POB 138, Parnell, IA 52325.

**246th Sig. Ogn. Co.**—5, Oak Ridge, Tenn.—Johnnie Huggins, Jr., 30031 SW 169th Ave., Homestead, FL 33090.

**267th QM Baking Co. (WW II)**—5, West Mifflin, Pa.—Jack Palmer, 1968 Middle Bellville Rd., Mansfield, OH 44904.

**341st Engr., Co. D**—3-5, Bryan, Ohio—George F. Roose, 608 S Williams St., Bryan, OH 43506.

**455th AAA Bn., Btry. D (WW II)**—11, Nashville, Tenn.—Buford Devers, 405 Glengarry Dr., Nashville, TN 37217.

**464th Engr. Depot Co. (SWPA, WW II)**—3-4, Wilmington, Del.—Robert (Pappy) Higham, 2506 Alister Dr., Wilmington, DE 19808.

**476th AAA AW Bn.**—3-5, Nashville, Tenn.—Horace Ring, 351 Ocala Dr., Nashville, TN 37211.

**524th MP Bn.**—11-12, Grand Rapids, Mich.—Ben Droski, 3460 Peach Ridge NW, Walker, MI 49504.

**566th QM Railroad**—2-4, Saugerties, N.Y.—Charles Kueme-rie, Rt. 4 Box 564, Dover, OH 44622.

**608th OBAM, Co. G**—19-22, Loveland, Colo.—Ernie Malvi-cini, 154-03-35 Ave., Whitestone, NY 11357.

**636th TD Bn.**—11-12, Aurora, Neb.—Tom Sherman, Rt. 1 Box 129, Marquette, NE 68854.

**691st TD Bn.**—3-5, Atlanta—Allan Forsyth, 515 Putters Ct., Alpharetta, GA 30201.

**724th ROB (WW II)**—3-5, Chicopee, Mass.—Albert Hier-sche, 50 Poole St., Ludlow, MA 01056.

**778th Tank Bn., Co. C**—16-19, Lancaster, Pa.—Lonzy Sey-mour, Jr., 1714 Montgomery Rd., Wilmington, DE 19805.

**813th Avn. Engr. Bn. (WW II)**—10-12, Springfield, Mich.—Edwin Wolf, 19077 26 1/2 Mile Rd., Albion, MI 49224.

**813th TD Bn., Co. C**—31-Sept. 3, Lebanon, Tenn.—Frank Reese, 4201 Crestfield Rd., Knoxville, TN 37921.

**939th FA**—4-6, Harrisburg, Pa.—Tom Cramer, 2110 3d St., Trenton, MI 48183.

**1722d Ord. Hvy. Supply & Maint.**—9-11, Oklahoma City—J.B. Perry, 1000 Golden Springs Rd., Anniston, AL 36201.

## September

**1st Armd. Div., 47th Armd. Med. Bn., Co. B**—John Dotson, Rt. 1 Box 291, Harrisburg, IL 62946.

**3d Div., 30th Inf., Co. M**—20-22, Tampa—M. Michehl, 9628 Hidden Oaks Cir., Tampa, FL 33612.

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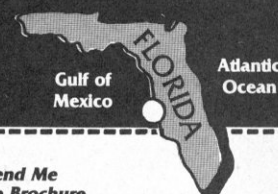
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14th Armd. Div., 501st AFA Bn., Btry. C—27-30, Brandon, Fla.—George Rempe, 1414 Highway Rd., Brandon, FL 33511.  
27th Inf. Div. Assn.—28-29, Lake Placid, N.Y.—Lyall Darrah, POB 127, Saranac Lake, NY 12983.

31st Ord. (HM)(WW II)—6-8, Cedar Rapids, Iowa—Merwin Cook, Manchester, IA 52057.

40th Inf. Div. (Korean War)—20-23, Kiamas Lake, N.Y.—Edward Lown, 210 Highland Ave., Maybrook, NY 12543.

79th Inf. Div., 313th Inf. Rgt.—13-15, Charlotte, N.C.—Bruno Crisafi, 542 6th St., Campbell, OH 44005.

97th Div., 303d Inf., 2d Bn., HQ Co. and attached medics—7-8, Evansville, Ind.—John W. Siegel, 600 N Vine St., Boonville, IN 47601.

99th Inf. Bn. (SEP)—28-29, Fargo, N.D.—Owen Voxland, 1608 15th St. S., Moorhead, MN 56560.

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130th Inf. Rgt.—8—William Hanks, 836 N Church, apt. G, Decatur, IL 62521.

187th Gen. Hosp. (WW II)—14-16, Colorado Springs, Colo.—Jo Ann Sanders Wentland, 7130 W 30th Ave., Denver, CO 80215.

200th QM Gasoline Supply Co.—Tom's River, N.J.—Stephen Kovac, 43 Stonybrook Rd., Whiting, NJ 08759.

206th CA (AA), Btry C—1-2, Jonesboro, Ark.—Charles Johnson, 351 N Allis, Jonesboro, AR 72401.

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227th AAA SL Bn.—13-15, Kearney, Neb.—Glenn Jurgens, POB 197, Curtis, NE 69025.

246th CA—14-15, Ft. Monroe, Va.—Ray E. Cross, 1209 Kerns Ave. SW, Roanoke, VA 24015.

313th Inf. Rgt.—13-16, Charlotte, N.C.—Bruno Crisafi, 542 6th St., Campbell, OH 44005.

447th AAA AW, Btry B (WW II)—28-30, Tulsa—Charles Holderman, 1527 W 2d Pl., Tulsa, OK 74127.

502d MP Bn.—14-16, Harrisburg, Pa.—William Adam, 39 Wyoming Ave., Audubon, NJ 08106.

531st Engr. Shore Rgt., 1st Engr. Spec. Bde.—18-20, Covington, Ky.—Richard Ready, 84 Selwyn St., Roslindale, MA 02131.

555th Ord. Co. (WW II)—7-9, Milwaukee—Walter Merkt, 7425 W Meinecke Ave., Wauwatosa, WI 53213.

608th TD Bn.—14-15, Lancaster, Pa.—Harry Rapp, 317 W Kint St., Lancaster, PA 17603.

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613th Engr. Lt. Equip. Co. (WW II)—21-23, Erie, Pa.—William Wolford, 3502 Auburn St., Erie, PA 16508.

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795th AAA (AW) Bn.—7-9, Philadelphia—C. David Burns, 103 Center St., Maquoketa, IA 52060.

804th TD Bn.—22-23, Rosewell, N.M.—John Gaddy, Rt. 3 Box 118, Roswell, NM 88201.

823d TD Bn.—13-16, Colorado Springs, Colo.—Oscar Hewitt, Rt. 3 Box 55, Johnson City, TX 78636.

893d TD Bn.—1-3, Towson, Md.—Al Misterka, 5633 Sagra Rd., Baltimore, MD 21239.

988th MP Co. (WW II)—2-4, West Chester, Pa.—John T. Robertson, 1130 Ashridge Rd., West Chester, PA 19380.

2072d QM Trk. Co.—7-10—C.W. Wardell, POB 465, Circleville, OH 43113.

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## October

3d Engr. Spec. Bde., HQ & HQ Co.—12-14, Nashville, Tenn.—Joseph V. Borowiec, 7159 Meldrum Rd., Fair Haven, MI 48023.

9th Armd. Div., 2d Armd. Med. Bn.—6-7, Jennings, La.—Bill Abshire, POB 34, Jennings, LA 70546.

10th Mtn. Div., Southeast Chap.—5-6, Greenville, S.C.—Virgil Roulerse, 2376 Welcome Lane, Jacksonville, FL 32216.

19th Combat Engr. (WW II)—10-13, Brockton, Mass.—Mahon H. Campbell, 307 Rogers Rd., Trooper, Norristown, PA 19403.

26th Sig. Constr. Bn.—Asbury Park, N.J.—Jerome R. Brook, 34 Page Dr., Hicksville, NY 11801.

35th Inf. Div., 60th Engr. Bn. (C)(WW II)—19-21, Williamsburg, Va.—Phil Silverman, 2006 Windsor Rd., Petersburg, VA 23805.

52d Sig. Bn. (WW II)—19-21, Williamsburg, Va.—C.H. Wingardner, Rt. 1 Box 871, Weems, VA 22576.

69th Inf. Div.—7-14, Orlando, Fla.—Clarence Marshall, 101 Stephen St., New Kensington, PA 15068.

99th Div., 395th Inf., Co. M—8-12, Hardy, Ark.—Henry Thomas, 23830 Yale Ave., Dearborn, MI 48124.

112th Sta. Hosp., 283d Gen. (Calcutta)—4-7, St. Louis—Keith Straight, 1521 S 29th St., La Crosse, WI 54601.

126th-173d FA Bn.—13, Eau Claire, Wis.—Edward Kloth, POB 188, Medford, WI 54451.

129th Inf., 2d Bn.—5-7, Rockford, Ill.—Lee Augustine, 3219 N Lawndale Ave., Chicago, IL 60618.

137th Ord. Co. (HMFA)(ETO)—27-28, Atlanta—Ernest Hodges, 2184 Twilley Circle, SW Marietta, GA 30060.

148th Ord. Mtr. Veh. Assembly Co.(WW II)—12-14, Des Moines, Iowa—Jerome Paulson, 2903 E Willis Ave., Perry, IA 50220.

216th Gen. Hosp.—12-15, Burlington, Mass.—Andrew Menzies, 29 Burnham Rd., Lowell, MA 01852.

278th Engr. Combat Bn., Co. B (WW II)—26-28, Myrtle Beach, S.C.—Freedman Taylor, 19 Cedar Knoll, Tuscaloosa, AL 35405.

304th/610th Ord. Bn.—5-7, Toledo, Ohio—Hank Lusch, 28363 Disinger Dr., Madison Heights, MI 48071.

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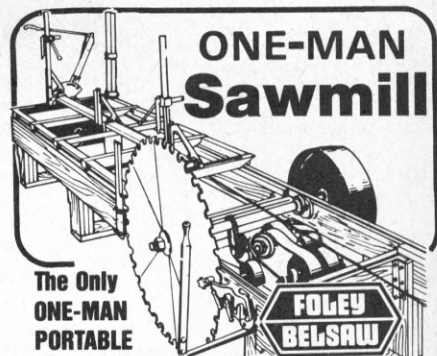
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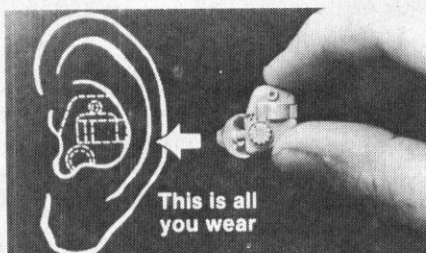
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**380th Bomb. Grp.**—11-14, El Paso, Texas—Forrest (Tommy) Thompson, 2401 Lakeview Dr., Heber Springs, AR 72543.  
**463d AAA AW Bn. (WW II)**—5-7, El Paso, Texas—J.B. Smith, 12504 Weaver Rd., El Paso, TX 79927.  
**496th AAA Gun Bn. (WW II)**—5-6, Buffalo, N.Y.—496th Reunion, POB 411, Bidwell Station, Buffalo, NY 14222.  
**591st Engr. Boat Rgt., Co. H—4-7, Meriden, Conn.**—Arthur Robinson, RFD 1, North Franklin, CT 06254.  
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**749th & 756th Tank Bns., Far West Area—12-13, Salt Lake City, Utah**—Jim Bobbett, 6780 Olivet Dr., Salt Lake City, UT 84121.  
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**Korean War Ranger Inf. Cos. (Abn.)—3-7, Columbus, Ga.**—Howard Davis, 10832 SW 61st Terr., Miami, FL 33173.

## November

**37th Div. Vets Assn., Fla. Chap.**—2-4, Tampa—Denver Martin, 525 Joe St., Zephyrills, FL 34248.  
**82d Abn. Div. (Vietnam)**—11, Washington, D.C.—David Stits, POB 3621, Riverside, CA 92519.  
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## August

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**USS Bibb**—Mass.—John Dragonette, RD 1 Box 2023, Lafayette, NJ 07848.  
**USS Peoria (PF67)**—30 Sept. 1, Woodcliff Lake, N.J.—Jack Flickinger, POB 703, Fremont, OH 43420.

## September

**Construction Units 26, 211 & 390**—21-22, Ft. Madison, Iowa—Frank Baldwin, 2410 Ave. G, Ft. Madison, IA 52627.  
**USS LST 829**—21-23, Orlando, Fla.—Albert Ryzner, Star Rte. Big Shanty Rd., Lewis Run, PA 16738.  
**USCGC Shawnee**—6, Eureka, Calif.—Ray Smith, 122 Hawthorn Way, San Rafael, CA 94903.  
**USS Joseph T. Dickman**—25-27, Colorado Springs, Colo.—Ed Polakoff, 1320 S Terry, Longmont, CO 80501-6818.

## November

**USS Samuel Chase Assn.**—21-24, Ft. Meyer, Fla.—Troy Burns, POB 4050, Little Rock, AR 72214.

## MARINES

## August

**2d Marine Div. Assn.**—1-5, Cherry Hill, N.J.—Hugo Genge, POB 158, Denver, PA 17517.  
**Marine Barracks, NAD Hastings, Neb.**—17-18—Duane Walker, 910 E 5th St., Hastings, NE 68901.

## September

**6th Marine Div. Assn. & 1st Prov. Bde.**—9-16, St. Louis—George Booz, 125 6th St. N, Safety Harbor, FL 33572.

## October

**Marine Corps Avn. Assn.**—4-7, Washington, D.C.—MCAA, POB 296, Quantico, VA 22134.  
**Marine Bombing Sqdn. 433**—Washington, D.C.—Art Boul-



ton, 120 Troy Ave., Bellmaur, NJ 08031.

**3d Amphib. Tractor Bn. (WW II)**—2-3, Clearwater Beach, Fla.—George Schramm, 27200 Sunnyside Rd., Rolling Hills, CA 90274.

**9th Amphib. Tractor Bn.**—19-21, Lake Murray, Okla.—Hank Henry, 1316 Camina Vega, Farmington, NM 87401.

## NAVY

### June

**9th MCB**—23, Port Hueneme, Calif.—Everett Beachboard, 1916 6th Pl., Port Hueneme, CA 93041.

**USS Alaska (CB1)**—15-16, Allentown, Pa.—F.E. Kovalsky, 25 Shelly Ave., Staten Island, NY 10314.

**USS Fair**—8-9, Charleston, S.C.—Robert Scott, POB 18262, Charlotte, NC 28218.

**USS Hanna (DE449)**—8-10—Joe Kearney, 10 Myrtle Ave., Caldwell, NJ 07006.

**USS Hydrex (AKA28)**—Ft. Wayne, Ind.—Donald Stier, 520 Dayton Ave., Ft. Wayne, IN 46807.

**USS Oakland**—26-29, New Orleans—Louis Gahr, 8750 Florence, Brentwood, MO 63144.

**USS Texas (BB35)**—29 July 1, Bushkill Falls, Pa.—Vincient Mussoco, 27 Barnett St., Bloomfield, NJ 07003.

### July

**73d NCB**—25-29, Hot Springs, Ark.—Lewis Shambley, 6 Indian Lane, Morrilton, AR 72110.

**Aviation Boatswain Mate's Assn.**—18-21, Philadelphia—Preston Jones, POB 228, Lakehurst, NJ 08733.

**USS LCT 481**—13-15, Ft. Wayne, Ind.—John Good, 4606 Santa Ana Dr., Ft. Wayne, IN 46816.

**USS LST 384**—30 Aug. 2, Las Vegas—Stanley Neal, 831 Sherrill, Liberty, MO 64068.

**USS LST 553**—27-28, Schaumburg, Ill.—William McElwain, 690 Chandler Rd. 403, Gurnee, IL 60031.

**USS LST 655**—13-15, Perryburg, N.Y.—John Donaldson, 3148 S Sacramento, Chicago, IL 60623.

**USS O'Bannon (DD450)**—12-15, Pittsburgh—Bud Moreau, 7409 Washington Ave., Swissvale, Pittsburgh, PA 15218.

**USS William D Porter (DD579)**—25-28, Memphis, Tenn.—S. Dean Slough, POB 4064, Quincy, IL 62305.

### August

**29th NCB**—16-18, Beachwood, Ohio—John Krup, 388 E 271st St., Euclid, OH 44132.

**52d NCB (WW II)**—4-6, Houston—Mrs. C.E. Brock, 402 Loper, Houston, TX 77017.

**71st NCB (WW II)**—16-18, Atlanta, Ga.—Harry Dever, 5845 Greenbriar Rd. NE, Atlanta, GA 30328.

**USS Asheville (PG21)**—Walter Ashe, 40 Shorewood Dr., Asheville, NC 28804.

**USS Birmingham**—9-12, Las Vegas—M. Jeffreys, 122 John Dr., Chester, IL 62233.

**USS Feland (APA11)**—16-18, Akron, Ohio—Harold Gilbert, 513 Evergreen Dr., Tallmadge, OH 44278.

**USS Frazier (DD607)(WW II)**—29 Sept. 2, Seattle—Loren Troxel, 20236 23d Pl. NW, Seattle, WA 98177.

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**USS Halibut (SS232)**—26 Sept. 2, Chicago—John Perkins, Jr., 7103 Cindy Lane, Annandale, VA 22003.

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**USS Kidd Assn., DesRon 48**—8-11, Ft. Pierce, Fla.—William Gath, 404 N 21st St., Ft. Pierce, FL 33450.

**USS LCSL (3) 8**—3-5, Mattoon, Ill.—W.E. Reid, 808 Marion, Mattoon, IL.

**USS LST 859**—Chicago—Richard Bean, Rt. 1 Box 30, Hanceville, AL 35077.

**USS LST 1091**—3-5, St. Louis—Charles Cooley, POB 538, Boaz, AL 35957.

**USS Paducah & USS YP 61 (WW II)**—4, Duluth, Minn.—Walter Boldstring, 12 E Faribault St., Duluth, MN 55803.

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### September

**22d Div. including USS Gwin (DD433), USS Meredith (DD434), USS Grayson (DD435) & USS Monssen (DD436)(WW II)**—14-16, Shawnee on the Delaware, Pa.—John Kozma, 80 Dick St., Clifton, NJ 07013.

**25th NCB (WW II)**—6-10, Tulsa, Okla.—Alfred Don, 6204 Vicksburg Dr., Pensacola, FL 32503.

**62d NCB**—1-2, Dayton, Ohio—Boyd Hathaway, 2912 Asbury Ct., Miamisburg, OH 45342.

**118th NCB Assn.**—14-16, Nashville, Tenn.—Leo Hike, 15402 Hwy. 73-75 S, Omaha, NE 68123.

**145th NCB (WW II)**—27-30, Nashville, Tenn.—Herbert Muhs, 73 Fellingwood Terr., Rochester, NY 14612.

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**PATSU 1-7**—27-30, Champaign, Ill.—Ruhl Schenck, 503 Dodson Dr. W, Urbana, IL 61801.

**USS Anderson (DD411)**—14-16, Cleveland—Richard Linker, 6490 State Rd. A-8, Parma, OH 44134.

**USS Catskill (LSV1)**—6-8, Portland, Ore.—Wally Oke, 323 Edgewood Dr., Anderson Island, WA 98303.

**USS Gregory (APD3)**—7-9, Charleston, S.C.—Randall Coleman, 1600 Md. National Bank Bldg., Baltimore, MD 21202.

**USS Hammann (DD412) & USS Gansvoort (DD608)**—13-16, Denver, Colo.—Wilbur Daley, 701 S Hall Apt. 6, Algonia, IA 50511.

**USS Hancock (CV/CVA19)**—Charleston, S.C.—Edward Ochowski, 5427 Bossart St., Pittsburgh, PA 15206.

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**Naval Air Gunners School, Jacksonville, Fla.**—24-27, Charleston, S.C.—Muri Hall, 4613 Tonawanda, Houston, TX 32750.

**SAH 3**—6-8, Orlando, Fla.—Rob Jines, Taft Town Rd., Princeton, IN 47670.

**Aviation Repair & Overhaul Unit 1**—Kansas City, Mo.—Otto M. Herde, 2009 Blue Hills Rd., Manhattan, KS 66502.

**CASU 3**—15-19, Charleston Harbor, S.C.—J. Murray Johns, 12922 S 123d E Ave., Broken Arrow, OK 74011.

**CBMU 569**—12-14, Hershey, Pa.—Nicolas Schiro, 76 Columbus Ave., Hasbrouck Heights, NJ 07604.

**Submarine Rescue Vessels (ASRs)**—5-7, Panama City Beach, Fla.—Robert Driscoll, 4022 Milano Rd., Panama City, FL 32405.

**USS Alhena (AKA9) (WW II)**—5-7, Leesburg, Fla.—Robert (Rebel) Deal, Rt. 4 Box 697, Leesburg, FL 32788.

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**USS Champlin (DD601)**—4-7, Cocoa Beach, Fla.—Martin L. Cover, 301 Devon Rd., Fairless Hills, PA 19030.

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**USS Coral Sea (CVA43)**—5-7, Norfolk, Va.—Sal Avellino, 45-11 Arcadia Lane, Great Neck, NY 11020.

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**USS Crowley (DE303)**—Northampton, Mass.—Maurice E. Callahan, RFD 1 Box 451, Lee, MA 01238.

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**USS Fremont (APA44)**—11-14, Virginia Beach, Va.—T. Yielding, 215 Harold St., Marine City, MI 48039.

**USS Hale (DD642)**—19-21, Rummeneid, N.J.—John H. Matousch, 717 E Greenman Rd., Haddonfield, NJ 08033.

**USS Hobby (DD610)**—3-7, San Antonio—Karl Gass, 5731 Cary Grant, San Antonio, TX 78240.

**USS Lamson (DD337)**—21-24, Las Vegas, Nev.—Ray Duley, Heritage Square L-3, Mission, TX 78572.

**USS LST 325**—12-14, Bloomington, Minn.—John G. Roberts, 532 SW 1st St., Faribault, MN 55021.

**USS LST 454**—3, Tucson, Ariz.—Tony Giglio, 784 Riverbend Dr., Clark, NJ 07066.

**USS Madison (DD425)**—12-14, Harrison, Ark.—T.B. Simpkins, POB 593, Carlin, NV 89822.

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**USS Northampton (CA26) (1930-42)**—1-4, Las Vegas, Nev.—Earl F. Kelley, 2350 Maine Ave., Long Beach, CA 90806.

**USS Philadelphia (CL41)**—1-6, Cedar Rapids, Iowa—Frank Amorsen, 99 Dunbar St., Somerset, NJ 08873.

**USS Plunkett (DD431)**—2-5, Norfolk, Va.—George Schweis, 18 Spruce Dr., Marshallton Rd 4, West Chester, PA 19380.

**USS Rocky Mount (AGC3) (1943-46)**—19-21, Newport, R.I.—Earle H. Anderson, 21 Water St., North Pembroke, MA 02358.

**USS Taylor (DD468/DDE468)**—11-14, Lexington, Ky.—Gene Gallagher, 9333 S Raymond Ave., Oak Lawn, IL 60453.

**VP 14, VB 102, VPB 102 (WW II)**—18-21, Sacramento—Gordon Miller, 3416 Strolling Hills Rd., Shingles Springs, CA 95682.

**VP 22**—23-25, San Diego—Harvey Tedder, 1336 5th Ave., Chula Vista, CA 92011.

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### November

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